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State provides \$5,000 park grant

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARREN – State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and State Rep. Todd Smola got together last week with Warren residents, Tim O'Brien and Joyce Eichader, to celebrate a \$5,000 state grant recently received to help finish off the completely renovated park on the banks of the Quaboag River.

For the last six years volunteers of all stripes, including school children, Scouts and residents, have helped pull tons of out of control plants and invasive species from the park. Dirt was donated, the earth was prepared for new plants and plenty of planting, and weeding, ensued.

A picnic table was added and paddling trips eventually began to stop at the park to

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Preliminary budget has 5.3 percent increase

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Mark Wigler, chair of the budget subcommittee, said the preliminary budget was “bare bones” and was a \$1.8 million or 5.3 percent increase from last year.

Wigler told the full Quabbin Regional School District Committee that increases included technology and retirement. Six units are up for collective bargaining this year. He said he talked with the Hubbardston town administrator and he said even a 1 percent increase would present problems for Hubbardston. The preliminary budget used the governor's budget figures, as it was the only budget available at this time. School Superintendent Dr.

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Quabbin Reservoir enters the digital age

By Wyatt Aloisio
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BELCHERTOWN – It's no small secret that the tale of the Quabbin Reservoir and the lost towns of Dana, Greenwich, Prescott and Enfield that once inhabited the lands beneath the

water's surface draw droves of curious visitors to its shores year after year.

While the early spring warm spell over the weekend drew many to the outdoors around the water resource, inside the Quabbin Visitor Center a packed room of history buffs enjoyed a chance to

view a collection of photos detailing life in the Swift River Valley prior to 1938 and during construction of the reservoir.

The “Quabbin Enters the Digital Age” program, a free-to-the-public event hosted on Sunday, Feb. 23, continued the visitor center's trend of successes seen as part of this

year's round of Winter Program Series lectures. The series of educational talks, featuring guest speakers, historians and artists, is hosted annually through the Department of Conservation and

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Honorary firefighter

excited to join up

Alana Inslee checks out the Ware Fire Department ambulance along with her friends and fellow firefighters last week. Left to right behind Alana are Firefighter Ryan Bateman, Fire Chief Chris Gagnon, Deputy Fire Chief James Martinez, Firefighter Dakota Harper and Firefighter Jake Perron.

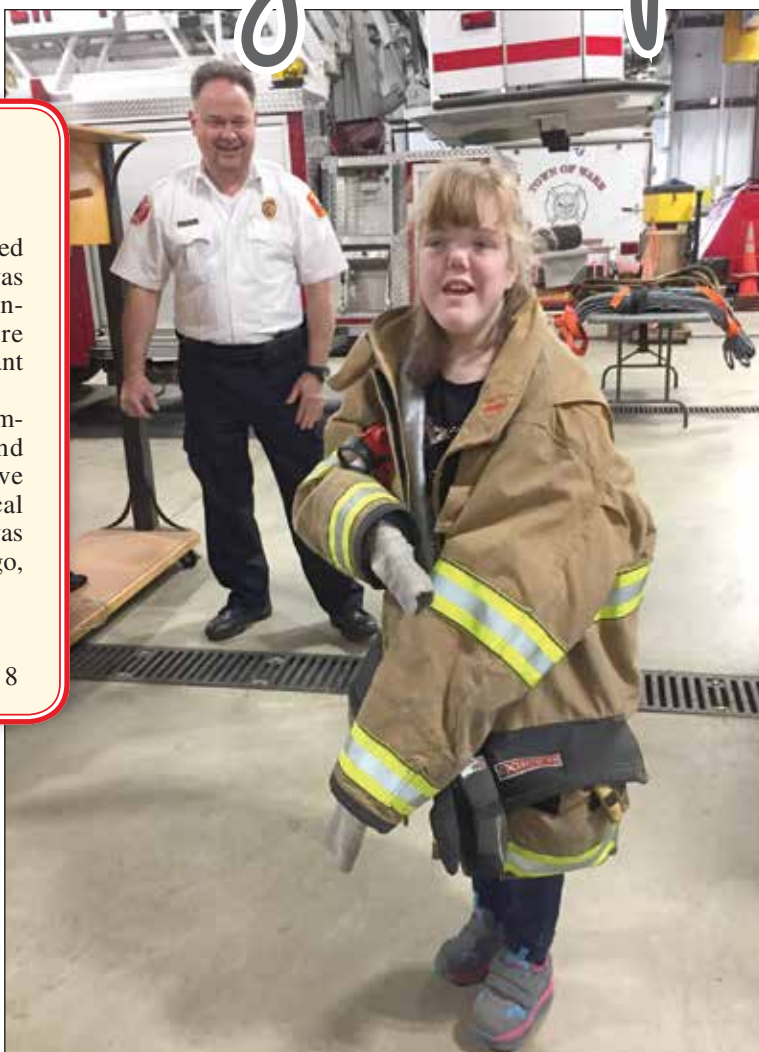
By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Alana Inslee, who lived in Ware for a number of years, was back last week to become an honorary firefighter at the Ware Fire Station, on the eve of an important surgery.

Inslee, who was born with a number of developmental delays and physical issues, was due to have major surgery to reposition critical shunts last Wednesday, and as it was uncertain how the surgery would go, she got her longtime wish fulfilled.

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Fire Chief Chris Gagnon presents honorary firefighter Alana Inslee with a variety of items to mark the occasion including a certificate, a T-shirt and a water bottle. Alana has developmental delays and on the eve of a major surgery, firefighters granted her life goal of becoming a firefighter.



Driver arrested after high-speed chase

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

WARE – Last Wednesday, on Feb. 19, an Enfield, Connecticut motorist allegedly dragged a State Trooper down Route 32 after he was pulled over, and was arrested after he crashed his car on South Street following a pursuit by Ware police.

After he was taken into custody, Joseph Hurlburt, 24, of Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 19, on two shoplifting warrants as well as a list of other charges. State Police also charged him as well.

It started that Wednesday, at 4 p.m. on Route 32, when a State Trooper reported Hurlburt took off from a routine traffic stop dragging the trooper for a distance before he was able to extricate himself, according to Ware Police Officer Ryan Downing.

A little past midnight on Thursday, a sergeant was leaving the station when he observed the vehicle that was reported earlier in the evening.

“There was a BOLO (be on the lookout) for the car, and I was alerted by the sergeant, so I called the State Police to confirm the

“I knew he had two warrants, he dragged a trooper so he was willing to hurt people, so I jumped out of the car and yelled at him to shut off the car and throw the keys out.”

Ware Police Officer
Ryan Downing

vehicle plate, make and model,” Downing said. “It had a missing front end and Connecticut plates, and the State Police said there was an exact plate match.”

State Troopers and mutual aid from Hardwick, West Brookfield, Warren and Palmer staged cruisers at roads leaving the town, according to Downing.

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Hot jazz on a cool night

Workshop 13 hosts Mardi Gras Madness

By Laurretta R.
St. George-Sorel
Correspondent

WARE – Those who attended the Mardi Gras Madness event at Workshop 13 last Sunday afternoon were treated to over two hours of free entertainment by the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble, with Director John Sacco conducting.

Two fresh faces joined the ensemble for Sunday's program, filling in for regulars who had other commitments: Gary Gustavson replaced Max Leroux on tenor sax, while Tom Bellino filled in for Christina Thompson on baritone sax. Both were welcome additions to the other 15 members who included Karla Newmark, piano; Kathy

Keough, bass; Fred Lilienkamp, guitar; Scott Bryant, drums; Mike Spencer, trumpet; Peter McNearney, trumpet; Tony Swierz, trumpet; Jenny Pratt, trumpet; John Sacco, alto sax; Joanne Meegan, alto sax; Amy Sacco, alto sax; Chris Glanville, trombone; Ned Lefferts, trombone; Abraham and Samantha Brownster, trombones.

A vocalist who appears with the ensemble regularly, Donna Lee, of Westfield, was on hand to offer her rendition of several torch songs, including “Cry Me a River,” “Beyond the Sea,” “Big Spender,” from the show, “Sweet Charity,” and “Blue Skies.” The latter is an Irving Berlin tune, made popular by the unforgettable Ella Fitzgerald. Before she began to sing, the band surprised her by singing “Happy Birthday.”

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Turley Publications correspondent photos by Laurretta R. St. George-Sorel
Ellen Spencer, left, and her mother-in-law, Elaine Spencer, both of West Brookfield, enjoyed the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble's concert last Sunday afternoon, and one of the reasons was that their respective husband and son, Mike Spencer, was in the band.

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PENNY SALE The Friends Committee of the Ware Senior Center will be holding a penny sale on Saturday, March 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Ware Senior Center. It is a fundraiser to benefit the Ware Senior Center. Along with the penny sale will be raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Donations of non-perishable food items (please check expiration dates) and other new items may be dropped off at the senior center. For questions about items to be donated, please contact Sue LaBarge 413-967-3681. A snow date of Saturday, March 14 is planned.

BLOOD DRIVES The Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force will be holding blood drives on Monday, March 9, and Tuesday, March 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Baystate Health will park their Bloodmobile in our parking lot on both days. Anyone interested in donating may send Dan Orszulak (dorszulak@ware.k12.ma.us) or Jesse Trzpit (jtrzpit@ware.k12.ma.us) emails with a convenient time. The demand for blood has increased since the American Red Cross stopped holding blood drives in Western Massachusetts. All donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Gift Card.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church. There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out.

Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

TOWN HALL BELLS Come to the Ware Historical Society presentation "Making the Bells Ring", on March 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road. Bill Moryl, with Building Inspector Anna Marques, Dennis Pariseau and Matt Jablonski, of Above the Law Aerial Photography, and electrician Ron Lamb, who worked with Bill to electrify the clock and add color for the holidays, will share pictures and stories of their motivation, their love of Ware, their experiences of exploring the Town Hall tower and their plan for refurbishing the bells. There will be envelopes available that evening for anyone who would like to donate to the bell restoration. Please come to hear the history of Ware Town Hall and share memories of Ware.

ART EXHIBIT The Hardwick Historical Society is hosting a two-day art exhibition featuring local artist, Frank J. Bly on April 4 and April 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Hardwick Town House on the Hardwick Common. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and see some of his famous Quabbin paintings and other of surrounding towns. The Historical Museum will be also open for viewing during the event. This event is free and open to the public. It is handicapped accessible for those in need.

Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week's photo showed a quartet of cooks at the Weir River Club who were preparing "pork chops by the tubful" for the club's monthly dinner. They were Millie Lamaccia, Rose Banas, Mary Gruszcski and Helen Zabek.

Does anyone know who these two gentlemen are and what they're holding from the April 4, 1991 edition of the Ware River News? If so, please send your answer and your name to ekennedy@turley.com.

ONGOING activities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive?

Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

TEA, TREATS AND TALK are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email director. paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The

church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot homemade meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, "I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me."

WARE FUEL BANK The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating season. The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware's culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

NARCAN TRAINING The Ware Fire Department and the Quabog Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information, contact Ed Wloch at ewloch@townofware.com or call 413-967-5901.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and perform-

ing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at jsobbbs413@charter.net.

KNITTING CIRCLE The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle.

Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at (413) 544-1996.

BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, "Ware Boys of Summer" by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is \$15.95.

STORY TIME The Young Men's Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

BOOK CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ADULT COLORING CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held on Thursday nights at Trinity Episcopal Church on Park Street from 8 to 9 p.m., and Sunday nights at Mary Lane Hospital on South Street from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

STORY TIME Warren Public Library holds story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. All children are invited to come and listen to stories and do a fun craft. The program is geared to 3 to 5-year-olds, but younger and older children are also welcome. For more information call 413- 436-7690. The library is located at 934 Main St.

MISS DONNA STORY TIME The West Warren Library Association presents a new season of Story Time with Miss Donna every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West Warren Public Library, 2370 Main St. There will be fun, reading and crafts for tots 3 to 5-years-old. Please call 413-436-9892 with any questions.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS A new Narcotics Anonymous group called "The Ware Clean Group" now meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at "The Living Room" at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stain one's hands

7. Subdivision

10. A passage to be performed slow

12. Invests in little enterprises

13. Medians

14. Member of the giraffe family

15. Makes official

16. Choose in an election

17. Hill or rocky peak

18. Member of an ancient Iranian people

19. Crest of a hill

21. Small, faint constellation

22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil

27. The ancient Egyptian sun god

28. Hollywood tough guy

33. Chinese drums

34. Merits

36. Indicates center

37. Increases motor speed

38. Mentally fit

39. BBQ favorite

40. Wings

41. Female parents

44. Marks left from wounds

45. Soften by soaking in liquid

48. They resist authority (slang)

49. Formats

50. Many subconsciousnesses

51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object

2. Blackbird

3. Undergarments

4. Old cloth

5. One from Utah

6. Greek goddess of the dawn

7. Become less intense

8. Developed to readiness

9. Defunct phone company

10. About Freemason

11. Taking everything into account

12. Famed Czech engineer

14. Impress into silence

17. Boxing term

18. Marketplaces

20. Pounds per square inch

23. Locomotives

24. Short musical composition

25. Football position (abbr.)

26. Heavyhearted

29. Denotes particular region

30. Famed NHLer

31. Ingested too much

32. Formulates

35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

36. Broad, shallow craters

38. Thick cuts

40. Breezed through

41. Breakfast is one

42. "Rule, Britannia" composer

43. Periodicals (slang)

44. Indian title of respect

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Come learn about Town Hall’s bells and planned restoration work

WARE – Bells have been very important throughout history; they were rung to keep people on time, to announce good events and sad or dangerous events.

Ware’s first Town Hall was in Ware Center where early settlers built a common, and on it, the First Meeting House. Four years ago the bell of the Ware Center Meeting House was silent. It had been muted since the fire in 1986, which almost destroyed the building. After the fire, the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House was formed to preserve the Meeting House, and in 2015 they engaged Ian Stewart to rebuild the bell tower and the cradle. Now the bell, cast by Holbrook, a student of Paul Revere, can be rung by pulling a stout rope. It can be heard on Memorial Day and many other ‘special events.

During the Industrial

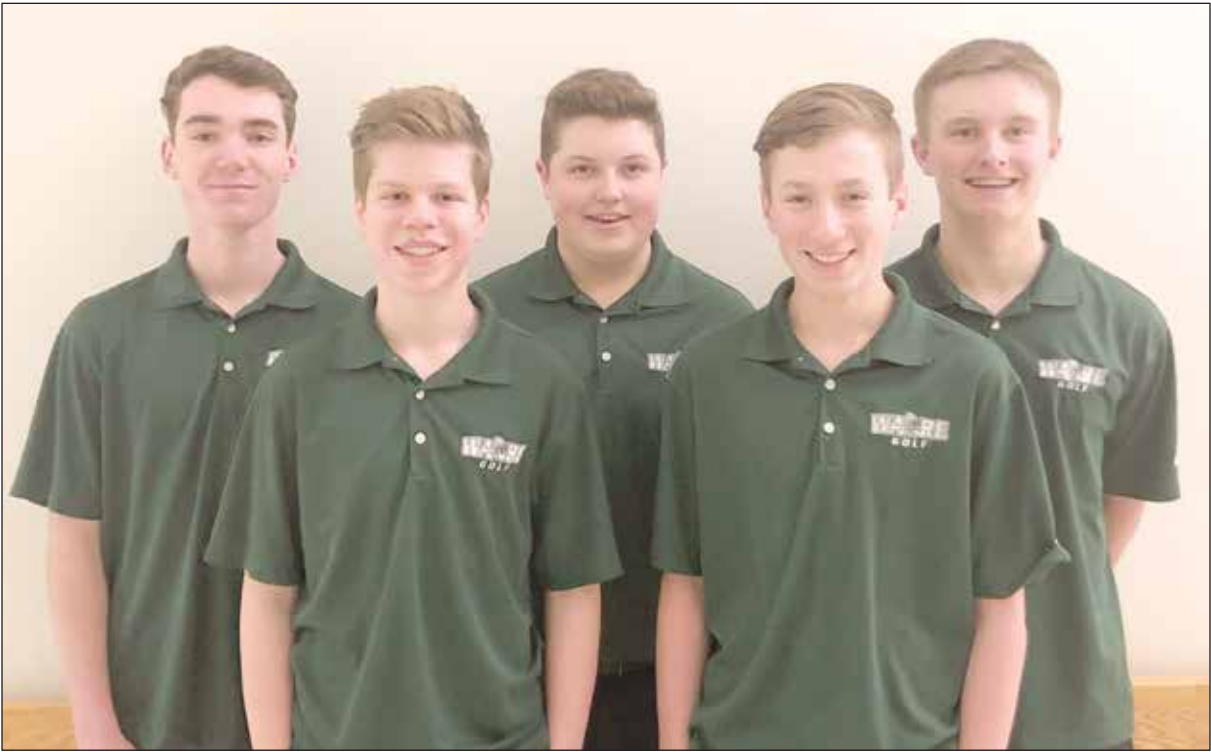
Revolution, Ware Factory Village grew much larger than Ware Center as the mills were built by the falls of the powerful Ware River. A lovely new Town Hall was built on Main Street in 1847. Unfortunately, it burned in 1867. The present Town Hall was built on the same spot in 1886.

The clock and Westminster chimes were added by heirs of the late John H. Storrs in 1901. The bells in the tower do not swing. They remain still and hammers strike the bells to make the sound. They were cast by the Meneely Bell Co. in West Troy, New York. The bell structure itself is strong, but the head bolts must be replaced. They are unique and must be specially cast. This work will preserve the bells for another 80 years. It is hoped that an electronic system will be upgraded to schedule ringing during chosen

times when the bells will be appreciated and not disturb the peace.

Come to the Ware Historical Society presentation “Making the Bells Ring”, on March 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road. Bill Moryl, with Building Inspector Anna Marques, Dennis Pariseau and Matt Jablonski, of Above the Law Aerial Photography, and electrician Ron Lamb, who worked with Bill to electrify the clock and add color for the holidays, will share pictures and stories of their motivation, their love of Ware, their experiences of exploring the Town Hall tower and their plan for refurbishing the bells.

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KUDOS TO WARE HIGH’S GOLF TEAM

WARE – Five members from the Ware High Junior Senior golf team earned a spot on the Western Mass All Star team for 2019/2020. The Ware team were also the Division 3 Western Mass Champions. Left to right are team members Andrew Bonnayer, Chris Vadnais, Mason Harper, Doug Mulligan and John Soltys.

A night of social media education will be paired with the perfect wine

HARDWICK – Let’s Get Social: Chikmedia and Healthy Town Living will be hosting a night of social media and personal branding education paired with the perfect wine from local vineyard, Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Hardwick Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road. These local businesses are teaming up to shape the future of local female entrepreneurs, while indulging in local, tasty treats.

The social media and personal branding workshop will cover all the basics and share knowledge on the vital components needed to launch a comprehensive, effective personal brand. Trends, demographics and successful tips on how to brand yourself effectively will be covered, along with the ins and outs of the social media platforms that fuel the success of a campaign. The workshop will cover the must-haves for a professional online presence and will teach what types of content works best and where it should be posted to engage more followers.

Healthy Town Living, a partner in this event, crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make

them healthier. Owner Donna Holden’s mission is to inspire and educate others to live a healthy life by creating recipes that can show the community how to turn locally-grown ingredients into healthy and satisfying recipes. Healthy Town Living will be work with Reeds Country Store and local farms to create a delicious, healthy meal, which will nicely with a glass of local wine from Hardwick Vineyard and Winery for guests to enjoy.

“I am so excited to bring Chikmedia to Hardwick,” said Holden. “We have a lot of amazing female entrepreneurs and businesses in this rural area that can really benefit from this type of event. Sometimes we get forgotten about out here in the country, so I love to showcase and remind people to look locally before they go searching beyond for food or services. I also love that this is a wonderful time for our community to come together to network and appreciate what they are bringing to this area.”

“This workshop is intended to be for all levels of social media users: those who have just started, and those who are looking to fine

tune their skills,” said Meghan Rothschild, owner and president of Chikmedia. “In today’s world, keeping up to date on the latest is critical to success, and this workshop will do just that.”

Chikmedia is a boutique firm that puts an emphasis on female-run organizations and women business owners; offering strategic marketing planning and creative public relations. Started by award-winning women, Chikmedia seeks to improve marketing campaigns, target messaging and create campaigns that reflect individual business personalities.

Healthy Town Living is an online destination for all things, healthy living and eating. Holden, lives an active lifestyle who loves to cook and eat healthy, “real” food. Intrigued by what food can do to a person, and how food choices can influence the way a body feels, she crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier.

Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Meghan Rothschild at Meghan@chikmedia.us.

Hardwick residents have a chance to help history

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Town House Advisory Committee, with the support of the Hardwick Select Board, is creating a fund-raising project to support the painting of the exterior of the Hardwick Town House. While a very significant number of improvements have been made over the last several years, a quick look at the outside of the building makes it obvious that painting is very much needed if the town is to prevent deterioration of this beautiful, historic building that plays an important

role in the community. There are two phases to this program. First, the Advisory Committee is applying for a grant to cover half the cost of the painting. The other half of the cost will have to come from funds raised to cover Committee’s share. That’s what this request is all about: raising the necessary money to meet our share for the grant.

So far, the THAC has maintained a gift fund under Town auspices. Now the Committee has begun the fundraising effort by

asking the public for donations. Committee members have contacted all their known potential donors and now it is time to ask other town residents to support this effort to preserve the Town House. So, all town residents who wish to support this project to protect the town’s beautiful, historic building can make a donation to the Town House Gift Account and mail it to: Town of Hardwick ATTN: Lucinda Childs/TownHouse Gift Account, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.



Turley Publications staff photo by Wyatt Aloisio

DCR Archivist Sean Fisher and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Project Intern Katy Purington lead guests on a digital tour, looking back at the history of the Quabbin Reservoir and the lost towns through a collection of digitized photos.

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Sheila Muir said the house budget would be available in April and the Senate budget follows. She said the transportation reimbursement was less than last year and she hoped it would increase with the house and senate budgets. Muir said she understood that 5 percent was a significant increase and that with every passing month there would be more about revenue numbers.

The budget subcommittee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 27 to vote on a budget to recommend to the full committee. Following the School Committee vote, there will be a public hearing on the fiscal 21 budget in March.

Preschool tuition

On the recommendation of Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services, the school committee voted to no longer charge tuition to regular students in the preschool located at Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The tuition was \$100 per month and amounted to \$46,000 per year. Duval said that because the district charged tuition at the preschool level, the students were not included in enrollment numbers and lowered the amount of aid from the state. She also recommended that the committee lower the Medicaid reimbursement by \$100,000 as Medicaid changed the reimbursement formula. The committee

approved this recommendation as well. Duval said this would mean, the district would start with a budget \$146,000 in the hole on the revenue side.

Q-Drug presentation

Kathy Inman, of Q-Drug and Nehr Jenkins of Q-Drug and Quaboag Hills Alliance, discussed a matching grant application that Q-Drug with assistance from Quaboag Hills Alliance would be filing. Jenkins said the matching part of the grant included in kind services. Muir said they were asking the school committee to vote support for the grant application as it would strength the applications. The committee voted to support the application of Q-Drug and Quaboag Hills Alliance for the \$125,000 grant.

Collective bargaining

Mark Brophy, collective bargaining subcommittee chair, said the subcommittee started negotiations with teachers and para-professionals as well. He said the committee would reach out to the five-member towns select boards – Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham – to appoint a representative for the final vote.

Capital plan

Quabbin Regional Middle School roof repair and trac-

tor repair were two items on the capital plan. The tractor is over 30-years-old and rusted out. The plan also included a study for enclosing all stairwells at the middle high school with a cost estimate of \$15,000, remodeling the cafeteria deli area for \$34,000 and a generator for about \$100,000. The district will send requests to Barre for an emergency generator and parking drainage at Ruggles Lane School, to Hardwick for the parking lot and to New Braintree moving the compressor from ceiling to a better-ventilated area.

Roof study

The superintendent reported that the New Braintree Grade School has five or more years of life. The Hardwick Elementary School roof is 20-years-old. Repairing windows and shingles would prolong the roof’s life for five to 10 years. The report also recommended immediate repairs to the middle school roof to extend the life of that roof to eight years.

RFP for leasing space

Duval said there would be a walk through of the New Braintree Grade School March 4 for the Request for Proposal for leasing space at that school. March 25 was the deadline for proposals. The lease would be for educational purposes only.

DIGITAL AGE from page 1

Recreation and on many weekends attracts full attendance for those hoping to join in and take part.

This past weekend’s showing drew out a particularly high number of visitors looking for a chance to hear more about the DCR’s efforts to digitize historic photos of the Quabbin. Leading the discussion with a slide show presentation of just a few of the photos was DCR Archivist Sean Fisher along with Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Project Intern Katy Purington, who worked on the metadata that is used in part of the photo collection.

As part of the Quabbin Reservoir Construction Project, thousands of photographs were taken of the properties purchased and removed by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission to build the reservoir. This included images from the towns of Dana, Prescott, Enfield and Greenwich, or the four lost towns which were disincorporated leading up to the construction of the reservoir.

Photos showcased by Fisher and Purington provided a look at early century life within the four towns, focusing primarily on buildings, cemeteries and other structures that required documentation prior to the

flooding of the valley.

These photos are a fascinating window into the world of the Swift River Valley as it existed prior to 1938. Thousands of photos and other documents have been scanned and are now available to the public to view through the Digital Commonwealth project, available online at digitalcommonwealth.org (Type “Quabbin” into the search bar and results can be adjusted by topic from there).

The trend of photographic events is set to continue next weekend as the Winter Series begins its first program of March.

Nature photographer Dale Monette is the featured speaker at the Visitor Center Winter Program Series on Sunday, March 1 entitled “Voyagers, Visitors and Home,” which is also the name of Monette’s second recently published book. This book focuses on birds that visit New England just for a stopover during migration, birds that spend months here or birds and mammals that live here and call New England home.

Since his retirement from the Quabbin Visitor Center five years ago, Monette has spent countless hours photographing

the region’s wildlife and traveling innumerable miles in pursuit of his hobby. His book is a selection of some of the best and most memorable images he has collected.

A special section on the successful American bald eagle introduction as a nesting species to Massachusetts, which took place at The Quabbin Reservoir during the 1980s by MassWildlife is included in the publication.

This program is free for the public to attend and begins at 2 p.m. It is suitable for all ages.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis.

For further information regarding the remaining programs in the Winter Series, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221

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GUEST COLUMN

The hunting ethos in modern times

By Mohawk Johnny
Guest columnist

Since enough has been written on this topic, by far better writers than me, I’m tempted to take pity on a dead horse and just leave it alone. But the subject is near to my heart, and I’m willing to fight and die on this hill if I must.

The essence of this topic can be distilled down to the question, “why should we hunt?” Better still, why shouldn’t we hunt? I’ll give you the unabashed perspective of a hunter—one man who has studied and contemplated the ethical, moral, philosophical, scientific, cultural, and even the legal aspects, of hunting, killing, and ultimately, life and death.

I’ve considered the views of those who are opposed to hunting and have observed that those views tend to be rooted in emotion rather than facts, reason or logic, and indicate no real grasp of how the natural world works or our place in it. It’s a skinny ledge of moral high ground they cling to, especially if they eat meat, but more on that, later. I’ll make my case, and I invite anyone who takes umbrage with my position to change my mind.

Our species, Homo sapiens, appeared between 300,000 and 500,00 years ago. We spent the overwhelming majority of that time as hunter/gatherers and have spent the last 200years running from that fact. Why is that? The truth is, having devised safer, more convenient and more efficient ways to feed and clothe ourselves, the practical need to hunt has been, for the most part, supplanted by the marketplace.

As we’ve drifted away from our hunting roots and through our agrarian and industrial phases, and, lastly, into our current age of technology and “enlightenment,” we’ve lost touch with our atavistic past, and we’ve placed ourselves above and apart from nature. We buy our meat, neatly wrapped in plastic and are somehow morally insulated from the death we deal by proxy. This disconnect is further complicated by those who are compelled by pure emotion to project and impose their own fear and loathing of pain and death onto animals. Certainly, no reasonable person wants to subject animals to unnecessary cruelty, but no one can make a rational and informed argument that sport or subsistence hunting is anything as “cruel” as the way nature takes care of business—it’s a jungle out there...

Hunting and predation have arguably been the most important drivers of animal evolution since those first microbes began chasing, killing and eating each other in the primordial muck. This fact is essential to my thesis because I see every aspect of nature as equally beautiful and important. Hunting, killing and death are as essential to nature as courtship, breeding, and birth—not better or worse, not good or evil—this is simply the way the natural world works. Even vegans can’t dispute the fact that we are a product of nature and that hunting is part of our nature. Personally, I prefer to engage in nature in the most intimate way possible. I want to feel the earth beneath my feet, learn what the forest has to teach me, and assume responsibility for taking the life that sustains my own.

How sad is it when the nearest thing to nature many people ever experience is a trip to Yellowstone or a walk in the park? Many have never even grown a vegetable garden. And truly, what could possibly be more natural than participating in the very act that has led us to the top of the food chain?

Henry David Thoreau may have said it best when he lamented, “We cannot but pity the boy who has never fired a gun; he is no more humane, while his education has been sadly neglected.”

Johnny Mohawk is longtime hunter in the Ware area.

Get a head start on perennial planting

This week I will sow my first seeds of the growing season. No, it is not time to plant your tomatoes, or even your peppers. It is the perfect time, however, to sow the seeds of your favorite perennial flowers. And if you must plant a vegetable or two, onions and leeks both welcome a head start indoors. It’s best to look up the germination requirements of the perennials you would like to start. The recommendations here are for those considered “easy,” without the need of any special pre-treatments.



ON THE GARDEN

Roberta McQuaid

For seasoned seed-starters, the following will be a bit of a refresher. Those that are “green” to the indoor seed-starting scene, take note: following these guidelines will nearly guarantee successful seedlings. It’s true...no more lanky seedlings, or seedlings that fall flat nearly as soon as they pop through the soil.

Remember the seed starting mix I spoke of awhile back? If not, a blend of finely milled peat moss or coir with some tiny chunks of vermiculite to hold water is my “soil” of choice for starting seeds indoors. It is essentially sterile, free of pathogens and weed seeds. A day before you plan to sow your seeds, dump some of the soil into a clean bucket and add water. Mix thoroughly with a gloved hand and let it sit until you are ready to use it. This extra step will eliminate any dry pockets that could wick water away from your seeds.

Once you are ready to sow, gather clean, sterilized containers. Used salad containers, top and all, work great, as do those that mushrooms come in; just be sure to make drainage holes in the bottom. Using a nail to make a small hole helps. Fill your container with moistened seed starting mix and tap it on a hard surface to settle the soil. Add more and repeat, so that the mix is about a half-inch from the top of the container. Firm the soil with a clean hand or pot bottom. Take a pot label and make shallow rows in the soil about two inches apart from one another.

As a general rule, seed that can be handled with your fingers can be inserted into the furrow without touching one another then covered slightly. Those that are tiny should be sown on the soil surface. Here is a trick to space small seeds: Fold an index card and drop some seed into the fold. Swish it back and forth to spread them out evenly. While holding the index card over the indent, gently tap it. Seeds will pop out nicely spaced from one another. When all your seeds are sown, label the containers and put them in a tray. Top with a clear plastic humidity dome or tented bag as this will help prevent the soil from drying out. Salad containers that come with a top make it easy. Folks often wonder why this step is necessary. Understanding the process of germination helps. Seeds must be kept moist so that the seed coat will soften and crack. Then the root and shoot will emerge.

Now, it is time to place your tray on heating cables designed for seed starting. Seeds will sprout faster and more consistently if you use them. They aren’t exactly inexpensive, but will last for decades if used for only a few weeks each season. For those of you who will start a flat or two of plants, save yourself the expense and find a spot in your house that stays in the 70-degree range. I have set plants on a shelf above the radiator, on top of the freezer, and even close to the woodstove. All will work.

Once seeds have germinated it is time to take the seedlings off the bottom heat and provide them with direct light for 14 hours a day. The easiest way to achieve this is purchase a shop light outfitted with two fluorescent bulbs. If you position the plants just inches away from the lights you will produce the stockiest seedlings possible. I have my lights on a chain suspended from the ceiling where I can raise and lower them to accommodate growing plants.

Good luck with your seed starting endeavors this upcoming week.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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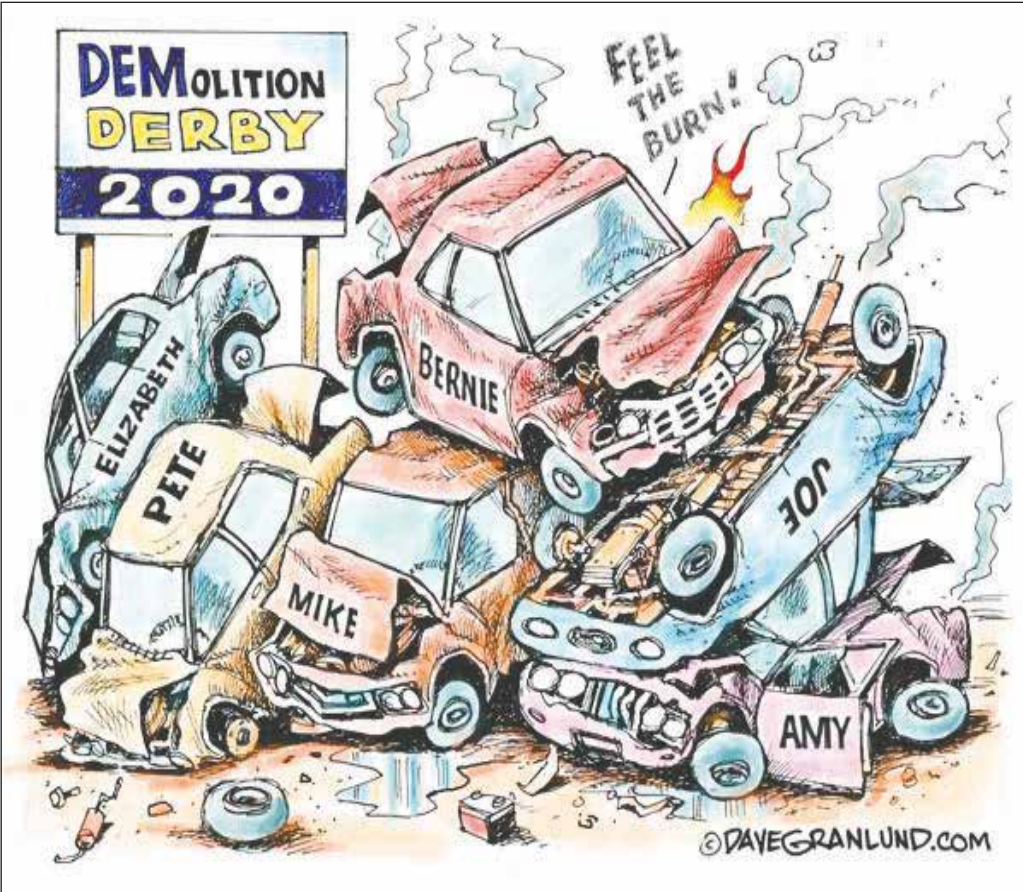
School regionalization talks need to involve community

There have been various rumors circulating about School Committee discussions regarding regionalization, or possibly combining our school with another school system. As a result, other school districts, and potentially impacted partners such as our bus company, have started to inquire about our plans. I write as School Committee chair to set the record straight that these inquiries are premature.

The Board of Selectmen, with School Committee agreement, had previously commissioned a study which was approved by Town Meeting vote in May of 2019. The purpose of the study was to assess the feasibility of potentially combining with another district. The study was only a preliminary step, it completed late last year, and it was reviewed in public on Wednesday, Jan. 29. The study results were presented to both the Board of Selectman and the School Committee in open session in the high school auditorium. I cannot overemphasize that the results are preliminary and in no way represent School Committee intention or commitment to regionalize.

As indicated within the study’s “Next Steps” section of the report, if we are to move forward, or if we are to reject such an idea, we need to have a concerted community wide approach. To date, no such approach has been defined nor initiated. Community discussion is warranted and absolutely required as part of the process. We need to follow a plan that includes community input that is conducted through transparent mechanisms that engage you as members of our community. We want to hear your questions and concerns, and whether this is an idea that you feel the School Committee should realistically explore or not.

If you do not hear information directly from the School Committee, you can be assured there is most likely no relevant information to share. With your involvement, we are confident there will be no surprises, and no unclear messaging on this very important topic. The School Committee will ensure the recommend-



ed processes are followed and that there is every opportunity to work with, and through, the community.

Aaron Sawabi, Chairman,
Ware School Committee

Warns about socialism

We now have some people running for President who want a socialist state in America, and many young people seem to willing agree with them.

The main problem that I can see with socialism is the fact that it would mean the total takeover of all businesses throughout the entire country by the federal government. Imagine if you will that today that the federal government will be making the decision as to what you are worth.

In Germany they had the National

Socialist German Workers Party, NAZI for short. If people were Jewish, or against the party, or political prisoners they ended up in the death camps for the final solution.

In the old Soviet socialist system under Communism the entire country is owned by the state, private property is not allowed. It has a one-party system, and everyone is required to vote into office the one person chosen by the party to rule over all the people in the country.

Then we have the problem of Medicare for all. Ask anyone who presently has Medicare. It is not free since the current bill is \$144 per month from your Social Security check. It does not pay for everything. You will have to pay 20 percent of every bill out of your own pocket. Wake up America before you lose what our forefathers fought to preserve.

Joseph A. Kondrat Jr., West Warren

Looking before we leap

“Look before you leap” are words of wisdom. This proverbial expression cautions us to carefully consider the consequence of our actions and choices. It advises us to really think about what you want to do before you do it.

This year of 2020 is a known as a “Leap Year.” Usually every 365 days equals one years, but in our common calendar year, every four year has one extra day in February. Adding an extra day keeps planet earth in sync with the astronomical or seasonal year. This year, Saturday, Feb.29, 2020, is that extra day.

But, before we leap into those additional 24 hours, perhaps we can consider interesting facts?

Do you know that those who are born on Leap Year Day may be called “leaplings,” and that their actual birth date happens only every four years? However, family and friends can celebrate what day on

either Feb. 28 or March 1. Regarding births on Leap Year Day, statistics appear to show the news that a baby has about a one in a 1,461 chance to be born on a Leap Year day.

“What about weddings on Leap Year Day?” you may ask. For those who were married on that date, they will officially celebrate fewer wedding anniversaries. However, I recently learned that one of the main reasons for choosing that specific date was, “Because it was easier to remember.”

Reportedly there are Leap Year adages to see before we leap into those extra 24 hours:

“Happy Leap Year Day. Why not use these extra 24 hours to their fullest? Do something kind and make a difference in someone else’s day?”

“Take a leap. This is that free day you’ve been waiting for. It’s an extra 24 hours you didn’t have last year.”



GUEST COLUMNIST

JOAN E. B. COOMBS

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will sale of asset affect wife’s Social Security?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: If I have reached full retirement age (FRA) and wish to sell a \$500,000 asset, will it affect my wife’s Social Security if we file jointly? I have heard that it will affect my Medicare (the amount withheld each month) but she still has three more years before she can receive benefits. Is it better to liquidate assets before she reaches FRA if we will be penalized? Would her Medicare be affected as well as mine? *Signed: Planning Ahead*

Dear Planning: Only earnings from working can affect Social Security benefits, so passive income from selling a large asset won’t affect your wife’s future Social Security benefits nor yours. However, if your “combined

income” from all sources (which is your Adjusted Gross Income plus any other non-taxable income you may have, plus 50 percent of your SS benefits) exceeds certain levels, your Medicare premium will be subject to the Income Related Medicare Adjustment Amount rule, which will add a supplemental amount to your base Medicare Part B premium. If your combined income, including that sold asset, for the 2020 tax year is between \$326,000 and \$750,000 then your Medicare premium for 2022 will be at least \$462.70. I say “at least” because the Medicare Part B premium can increase each year.

The IRMAA premium increases on a sliding scale starting at \$174,001 of combined income for a married couple filing jointly (\$87,001 for an individual). If you liquidate that large asset this year, it will be reported on your

2020 income tax return, which will be filed in 2021. That will mean that your Medicare premium for 2022 will be affected by IRMAA, and so will your wife’s if she has enrolled in Medicare at age 65 in 2021, which she need not do if she has other “creditable” healthcare coverage through an employer.

So, should you liquidate that large asset before your wife reaches her Social Security full retirement age? It doesn’t matter for Social Security purposes because that passive income will not affect your wife’s benefits. But, if your wife enrolls in Medicare at age 65, her Medicare Part B premium, as well as yours, will be subject to IRMAA and, thus be considerably higher than the standard premium of \$144.60 (the amount for 2020).

Note that if your combined

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Nomination papers available

WARREN / WEST BROOKFIELD – Town Clerks of Warren, Nancy J. Lowell, and West Brookfield, Sarah J. Allen, announced nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, for the annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Office hours to pick the papers are as follows: In Warren on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., and in West Brookfield on Mondays,

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Quaboag Regional School Committee nomination papers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Quaboag Regional/Middle High School Superintendent’s Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. School Committee positions open are two members from Warren and two members from West Brookfield for three-year terms.

Rabies clinic to be held on March 14

WARREN – The town will host a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Warren Highway Garage, 87 Brimfield Road (Route 19). The shots are \$15 per person and will be provided by the VCA Wickaboag Animal Hospital. Owners must bring their animal’s last rabies certificate with them.

The Town Clerk will also be present to issue dog licenses for 2020. The license fees are \$11 per animal, male or female, and \$7 for neutered male or spayed female.

All dogs and cats are required by law to have a rabies vaccine. Vaccinating pets against rabies protects both your pets and owners.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE — The Tri-Parish Community Church just wants to see if you are paring attention. Last week we told you about the fun we had at the February “fellowship luncheon” and that the March 21 “fellowship supper” would be corned beef and cabbage at 5 p.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Surprise, surprise (as Gomer Pyle would say), it is still all of the above; but pot luck, instead. If you are able to provide something for the main meal or a dessert, that would be welcome. However,

that is not required – just show up and enjoy.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Tri-Parish Community Church enjoyed a message on our environment from Ridge Shinn, of Hardwick. This Sunday, March 1, Rev. Ellis Pelham will be the guest speaker, organist and vocalist at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Every service is followed by fellowship time in the church hall. Church membership is not a requirement to attend our services. All are welcome – we want to grow.

Second Chance performs 55,000 spay/neuter

SPRINGFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has marked another milestone in their 20-year history of helping pets in need. The organization performed their 55,000th spay/neuter surgery earlier this month at their newest nonprofit veterinary hospital in Springfield.

Springfield Hospital Director Julie Sullivan said, “our staff took just a moment to mark the milestone surgery, then quickly continued because so many pets need our help.” The Springfield hospital started offering low-cost spay/neuter a little over a year ago.

Sullivan is grateful for the program which not only helps control pet homelessness but can improve the lives of pets receiving the surgery. Every week, Second Chance

hospitals are called on to perform emergency spays for female pets suffering from a pyometra, a potentially deadly infection of the uterus. Routine spays and neuters can help protect pets from many life-threatening conditions including pyometra and testicular cancer.

Second Chance’s low-cost spay/neuter program began in 2005 at the East Brookfield shelter to help stem pet homelessness in the surrounding community. Today, hundreds of pets come to the three nonprofit hospitals in Springfield, Worcester and North Brookfield each month for spay/neuter surgery in state-of-the-art surgical suites made possible by grants and generous donors.

Second Chance surgeons are specially trained to perform the

Quabaog Historical Society seeking award nominations

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Historical Society is currently requesting nominations for the annual Lucy Stone Achievement Award and the Irving and Jane England Award.

Each year, the historical society recognizes its most impressive community leaders and volunteers with these two awards, which are presented at the society’s annual April luncheon. The Lucy Stone Achievement Award is given annually in observance of the commonwealth’s designation of Lucy Stone Day on March 8. Born on Coy Hill in West Brookfield, Stone worked tirelessly throughout her life to obtain equal rights for all

individuals. She was a lecturer for abolitionist and equal rights groups, as well as the founder and editor of The Woman’s Journal.

For the Lucy Stone Award, the Quaboag Historical Society requests nomination letters for any person living in one of the six Quaboag Plantation area towns (the four Brookfields, New Braintree and Warren). Residents are asked to nominate individuals whose volunteer efforts have helped make their communities better places to live. The nominating letters should provide a brief explanation of why the writer believes the nominee is deserving of the award. The name, address and phone number of both

the nominator and the nominee must be included in the letter.

“For this award, we are seeking nominees who have done an exemplary job of giving back through community service,” said QHS Co-President Amy Dugas, who described the motto of the Lucy Stone Award as honoring residents who make the world a better place.

The Irving and Jane England Award, also presented annually by the QHS, is given each year to a resident of West Brookfield who has helped better the community through community service. Nomination regulations for this award are the same as those for the Lucy Stone award.

Dugas and other QHS leaders feel it’s important to take a few moments each year to honor those who contribute countless hours to improving their communities.

“Those people willing to put in the time and get involved, and make a significant contribution to the community, should be recognized,” Dugas added.

All nomination entries for the awards should be submitted to the QHS by Wednesday, March 18. The recipients will be invited to attend the QHS annual luncheon meeting.

Nomination letters should be mailed to The Quaboag Historical Society, P.O. Box 635, West Brookfield, MA, 01585.

Creative writing and publishing workshop

WEST BROOKFIELD – The fifth annual creative writing and publishing workshop will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield.

Local award-winning author Ed Londergan provides a full day of information. “The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process from how to develop ideas, story structure, character development, creation of atmosphere/location, how to put together a chapter, creating authentic dialogue, the flow of the book and how to hold readers interest,” Londergan said. “With the great interest local writers have in getting published, I thought it’s best to spend more time on that aspect than I have in past workshops.

Finding an agent, which is complicated and difficult, will also be addressed.”

“The purpose of the workshop is to help those people who want to write but don’t know where to start, or have had an idea for a story that’s been bubbling in their head for years and finally want to put it on paper. I also help people that have written something and need to know how to move ahead.”

The past workshops have been attended by a variety of people of all ages and occupations from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all of whom have a story to tell.

“One of the things that past attendees have enjoyed and learned from is the writing exercises,” Londergan said, “They write

about everything from their favorite holiday memory to their pets to what they had for breakfast.” He uses fun writing prompts for the exercises.

“Back-and-forth discussion is always a popular part of the day. Attendees learn from each other. Individual issues or problems anyone is having with their writing are discussed and the group helps them with suggestions and observations. At times, there have been a lot of “that happened to me and here’s what I did.”

The cost is \$95 and lunch is included. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. The registration deadline is March 7. To register email ed.londergan@gmail.com or call 508-864-8685.

Pot of Gold penny sale

WARE – The Friends Committee of the Ware Senior Center will be holding a penny sale on Saturday, March 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center. It is a fundraiser to benefit the Ware Senior Center. Along with the penny sale will be raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Donations of non-perishable food items (please check expiration dates) and other new items may be dropped off at the senior center. For questions about items to be donated, please contact Sue LaBarge 413-967-3681. A snow date of Saturday, March 14 is planned.

Also a special thank you is being given to the following businesses who donated gift cards or items for the Ware Senior Center Christmas Party. Nat Falk, Wilton’s, Napa, Dioguardi Jewelers, Astronaut Pizza, Mason’s Grill, Debbie Wong Restaurant, Crystal Springs Dairy Bar, Teresa’s Restaurant, Mexicali Restaurant, Otto Florist, Dunkin’ Donut and Jane Alden.

Attention Belchertown High School Class of 1970

BELCHERTOWN - The Class of 1970 is planning a 50th Class Reunion social gathering on April 25, 2020 at the Grapevine Grill in Belchertown beginning at 5 p.m. The deadline for R.S.V.P. and payment (amount to-be-determined) for the appetizers is April 3, 2020.

Details are still being finalized with the venue, however, reunion organizers have decided on offering a selection of appetizers to offer attendees for a minimal cost. A full menu will also be available for those wishing to purchase a meal along with a cash bar.

A Facebook Group Page has

been set up by Norma Vosburgh Lofland for anyone wishing to respond with questions. Type in “BHS Class of 1970” Reunion and if you haven’t been added to the group you can ask to be added. Some classmates may not be on Facebook and organizers would appreciate any help getting this message out if you know someone who is not.

Direct any questions to Barb Menard Greene at Br123199@charter.net. A follow up article (and Facebook Group update) with final cost details will be published in a couple of weeks. The class of 1970 hopes to see everyone there!

St. Patrick’s Day dinner, March 14

WARE – Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church. There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out. Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

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A leap is a word signifying action. A jump; a bound over a hurdle. Merriam-Webster also states: “It can also resemble a change made in an area of ultimate concern.” Or, it may be defined as “A sudden passage or transition.”

Within any one of the above definitions, could the days before the upcoming 24-hour Leap Year day be a time of thoughtful preparation? Can the days following be times of leaps and bounds towards

your personal goals?

As we consider goals, perhaps the famous words that astronaut Neil Armstrong said when walking on the moon on July 20, 1969, “This is one small step for a man. One giant leap for mankind” can influence even the smallest of steps we take to reach our goals.

Well-known, Boston-based artist, author and outstanding calligrapher, Margaret Shepherd, has stated, “When we’re not sure of how, when and where to go, sometimes your only available transportation

is a leap of faith.”

And, there’s always time for a “leaps and bounds” quip to brighten our paths. Doug Larson, often quoted Wisconsin-based editor and columnist wrote, “Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon.”

May our days before and after the Leap Year Day of 2020 be filled with accomplishments because we spent time looking before we leaped.

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income for the following year is low enough to reduce your IRMAA premium, the Medicare premium will revert back to the lower level. Medicare typically uses income data from two years ago to determine current year premium, so they wouldn’t normally change your IRMAA premium back until they receive your income data for the previous year from the IRS. But, it is possible

for you to contact Social Security earlier and provide them with proof that your income is now lower than reported in a previous year (causing the higher IRMAA premium), and they will adjust your Medicare premium sooner than they otherwise might.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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The Ware Cemetery Commission is seeking a **Part Time Worker**, 19 hours per week, between approximately April 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020 to help maintain Aspen Grove Cemetery and other cemeteries maintained by Town of Ware.

The person chosen must be capable of using power equipment, some lifting and general groundskeeping. The person must be physically fit as the job requires a lot of time spent walking in the cemeteries. Salary is \$12.75 per hour.

Applications should be mailed by March 23, 2020.

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Blacksmithing basics classes offered

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Registration is now open for “Basics for Blacksmithing,” an educational class at Storrowton Village Museum. The class is an introduction to the craft of metalworking and will be taught in the museum’s Clark Blacksmith Shop, a building that dates back to 1853.

The “Basics of Blacksmithing” course will cover fundamental smithing skills such as tapering, spreading, bending, scrolling and shouldering, techniques present in all levels of blacksmithing, whether creating simple hooks or more complicated projects. Students will also understand shop safety, the differences of working at coal and gas forges, and the working pace of a smith.

Willow Zietman, an artist blacksmith and blacksmithing instructor from Lunenburg, will teach students the basics of heating and shaping steel. Trained at Pioneer Village in Salem, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine, and at Penland School of Crafts in Spruce Pine, North Carolina, she currently teaches classes at Prospect Hill Forge in Waltham and The Steel Yard in Providence, Rhode Island. Zietman has also demonstrated

the trade at events such as the New England Blacksmiths Fall Meet and Providence’s PVDFEST.

“Willow is an accomplished smith who has a non-traditional approach to teaching others about the traditional trade of working with iron,” said Museum Director Jessica K. Fontaine. “We’re lucky to have her as an instructor for one of the most popular educational opportunities here at the Village.”

“Basics of Blacksmithing” will take place Thursday evenings from March 12 through April 30, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The maximum class size is four students and no previous experience is necessary to enroll in this class. Tools and leather aprons will be provided for practice and exercises. The cost for this class is \$385, with proceeds to benefit the museum’s educational programs.

Online sign-ups are open until March 11, or until the class is full. After that time, interested students will be put on a waitlist for future blacksmithing classes at the museum. To learn more and to register, call 413-205-5051 or visit storrowtonvillage.com.

STCC’s veterinary assistant training program starts March 2

SPRINGFIELD – Registration is open for Springfield Technical Community College’s veterinary assistant training program, which begins March 2.

The course runs through August, with classes meeting Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Elliot Levy, senior director of the Workforce Development Center at STCC, encourages prospective students not to delay registration since space is limited.

The training prepares students to keep animals healthy, care for them when they are ill and assist veterinarians in their offices.

Veterinary assistants work directly under the supervision of veterinarians and the veterinary technician as they perform procedures, examinations and treatments. They provide basic care for animals, such as feeding and exercising the animals, while learning

how to recognize signs of illness and disease, performing laboratory procedures, interacting with clients, and performing general office procedures.

Veterinary assistants work in animal hospitals and clinics, animal shelters, laboratories, zoos, and animal parks.

The training marks the first step toward getting a start in a field where the jobs are in high demand. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, veterinary assistant jobs are expected to grow 19 percent between 2018 and 2028, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.

For more information and to enroll online, visit stcc.edu/wdc/descriptions/veterinary-assistant. To contact the Workforce Development Center Office, call 413-755-4225.

Daffodil Run commemorates 250th anniversary of Amherst

AMHERST - The Daffodil Run is a celebration of the strength of young people, Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs, and of the local community.

This year’s run will take place beginning at the Amherst Town Common on Sunday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event includes a 10K run and 5K run/walk, with courses that showcase the 50,000 daffodils planted in celebration of the Town of

Amherst’s 250th anniversary. Both courses are USATF certified.

On race day, the Town Common in downtown Amherst will transform into a festive, family-friendly space with a pre-race warm up, activities for all ages, music, a bounce house, games, food from Bueno Y Sano and more. Bring the whole family to run, walk or cheer on participants on at this favorite springtime event.

Blood drives at Ware High School

WARE – The Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force will be holding blood drives on Monday, March 9, and Tuesday, March 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Baystate Health will park their Bloodmobile in our parking lot on both days. Anyone interested in donating may send Dan

Orszulak (dorszulak@ware.k12.ma.us) or Jesse Trzpit (jtrzpit@ware.k12.ma.us) emails with a convenient time. The demand for blood has increased since the American Red Cross stopped holding blood drives in Western Massachusetts. All donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin’ Gift Card.



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DCR announces 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest

BOSTON — Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery last week announced the theme of the agency’s 2020 fifth grade Arbor Day Poster Contest: “Trees Please.” Fifth graders from around the state enrolled in both public and private schools, as well as home-schooled students, are encouraged to participate in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest by creating posters highlighting this year’s theme. Schools are then asked to host a poster contest to determine the winner. The winning poster from each school can then be submitted to the agency for review. Home schooled or non-participating school students may submit their posters and enter the contest individually.

“Trees are not only beautiful, but play a key role in the health of our environment, and I’m thrilled that each year fifth graders demonstrate this importance by participating in the Department of Conservation

and Recreation’s annual Arbor Day Poster Contest,” said DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery. “I look forward to 2020’s creative entries from students throughout the Commonwealth highlighting this year’s theme ‘Trees Please.’”

First place prizes for the DCR Arbor Day Poster Contest include a tree planting ceremony at the winner’s school, a certificate for art and science supplies, and more. Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention winners will also receive art and science supplies.

“The Arbor Day Poster Contest is a good chance for students to creatively express what they’ve learned,” said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley. “I hope that many of our fifth grade artists, scientists, activists, and arborists take the challenge.”

Trees offer many benefits to people and to the environment, including the reduction in energy use for heating and cooling; the

cleansing of both water and air; the reduction of noise pollution; the beautification of communities; and providing of habitats for wildlife.

This year’s theme, “Trees Please” is designed to highlight the importance of trees within Massachusetts’s communities and diverse landscapes throughout the state. Additionally, the Arbor Day Poster Contest combines both art and science in an effort to instill the vital role trees have on the public’s daily lives. The DCR Urban and Community Forestry Program, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, sponsors the annual contest for fifth graders across the Commonwealth.

Posters must be submitted by March 15, 2020, and the contest is open to all students currently enrolled in the fifth grade. An Arbor Day Poster Contest Guide is available on the DCR website or can be obtained by contacting Mollie Freilicher, 413-577-2966 or mollie.freilicher@mass.gov.

Wing Memorial Hospital auxiliary offers seven scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of \$1,000 to students planning to enter the healthcare field. One eligible student from each of the following schools will be chosen: Belchertown High School, Ludlow High School, Minnechaug Regional High School, Monson High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School and Ware High School. Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and at the Wing Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.

Ware Community Jazz Ensemble’s Director, John Sacco, performs a mini-solo during the group’s Mardi Gras program last Sunday afternoon at Workshop13 in Ware. The 17-member band offers free concerts several times each year.

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The vocalist quipped, “It’s the 21st celebration of my 39th birthday.” Following her performance, Sacco announced that Lee has a CD out called “All Over the Map.”

Sacco introduced each program selection by providing the audience with some pertinent information about it, whether it was the composer, the era when the song was popular, the artist who is credited for its popularity or some other choice bit, making the overall experience more relatable for the audience. An example was a selection called “Sidewinder,” which featured Sacco on sax and Mike Spencer on trumpet. Lee Morgan’s 1964 composition was one of the defining recordings of the soul jazz genre, noted for its R & B influence and Latin tinge.

Famous streets in New Orleans found their way into Sunday’s program, as Sacco mentioned Rampart Street and Basin Street, among others. The audience seemed to recognize some jazz favorites, such as “Sweet Georgia Brown,” “One O’clock Jump,” and “Basin Street Blues.” Bandleader, composer and pianist Count Basie played vaudeville before eventually forming his own big band in 1935 and helping to define the era of swing with hits like “One O’clock Jump,” and “Blue Skies,” one of the songs that Donna Lee offered in the first part of the program.

As the band prepared to take a short intermission, Sacco told the audience the ensemble would be using a new theme song, “Johnny’s Theme,” to indicate that the band was taking a break. The theme song, used by Johnny Carson from 1962 to 1992, was composed by Carson and Paul Anka, based on a previous composition by Anka.

Other selections the ensemble played were “Green Dolphin Street,” Night Train,” “Rise,” “Hurricane Season,” “A Chilli Pepper Odyssey,” and Two

Ware resident Joanne Meegan takes a break at intermission to chat with friends. Meegan plays alto sax in the ensemble and has been with the group since its start.

Ian Smith II, age 6, and his grandmother, Sandy Pratt of Brookfield, had a special interest in the Mardi Gras program: Jenny Pratt, Ian’s mom, plays the trumpet in the group. Ian also enjoyed collecting the colorful necklaces that the musicians had tossed into the audience.

Mike Spencer, of West Brookfield, plays a mean trumpet in a mini solo at last Sunday afternoon’s Mardi Gras program held at Workshop13 in Ware. Spencer is a member of the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble, which offers free concerts throughout the year at that venue.

O’clock Jump.”

For their finale, the ensemble offered the distinctive composition, “Watermelon Man,” one of the most famous jazz compositions ever recorded. Herbie Hancock was just 22-years-old when he released it on his first album, “Takin’ Off.” Growing up in the 40s and 50s in Chicago, Hancock was around street ven-

dors, including the watermelon men who peddled the fruit. This association provided the title and musical inspiration for the song.

At the conclusion of the program, an unidentified man from the audience stepped up to the mic and reminded everyone that the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble is a group of musicians who do not get paid for

their performances. They offer their time and talents, several times each year, for the enjoyment of others. The ensemble was rewarded with an outpouring of tremendous applause, concluding a thoroughly entertaining afternoon.

Artists invited to enter Juried Spring Art Exhibit

\$4,300 in prizes to be awarded

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council 27th annual Juried Spring Art Exhibit and Sale is now accepting artist’s entries. The show, held in nine rooms in the House of Art on Main Street in Monson, will be open weekends April 4 to April 19. Will be closed on April 12. It will also be open on Thursday evenings, April 9 and April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with special art show evenings at Main Street Tavern, Monson. The Monson Arts Council show offers \$4,300 in prizes to artists in four major categories. A \$1,000 Best of Show tops the list of prizes, but the Council also offers four \$500 first prizes and four \$100 second prizes in painting, photography, multi-dimensional art (including sculpture, fiber art and ceramics) and graphic arts (drawing and printmaking). Also, \$800 is given in additional prizes and a People’s Choice

Award is selected by visitors to the show opening. Deadline for online entry of work to be hand delivered to the House of Art is March 4. Artists will deliver actual work on March 7. Cost to enter is \$25/one piece, \$35/ two pieces and \$45 three pieces. There is an additional \$15 fee for those who drop off work without prior entry form. Artists who wish to deliver their work as digital images, may do so by March 11 at 8 p.m. Above fees apply for either hand delivery or digital entry. Specifications for digital image size may be found online. Sales shop open to all entrants. The Monson Arts Council offers a sales shop at every spring show. New this year – all entrants, juried into show or not, are eligible to offer work for sales in this shop. Guidelines are on the website. Jurors for this show are Cynthia Consentino who teaches art at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Holyoke Community College. Holly S.

Murray, ceramics educator and director of William Blizard Gallery at Springfield College and Eric Gehring, of Boston Camera Club and Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts in Boston. Artists may read the juror biographies and full explanation of the jury process online. The Major sponsor for prizes is Monson Savings Bank. Moulton Insurance Agency underwrites a special prize for Outstanding Monson Artist in show. Other sponsors include Media Sponsor, Turley Publications, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Roberts & Ludlow Printing, Tree House Brewing, Giclee Printing & Framing of New England and Letterpress Arts of West Springfield. Sponsor, Dana’s Main Street Tavern, will be holding two Thursday night fundraisers to support the show. All guidelines, an application, and information about prizes and jurors may be found at www. MonsonArtsCouncil.org.



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Paintings by Greenfield artist Kelly Popoff are now on display in the Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College in her solo show “At Home with Our Histories,” now through March 26.

HCC’s Taber Art Gallery presents images of Americana

HOLYOKE – Images of dolls, guns, antique furniture, clothing, yearbooks, toys and more comprise a new exhibit by Greenfield painter Kelly Popoff in the Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College. “At Home with Our Histories” opened Mon., Feb. 24, and runs through Thurs., March 26, with an opening reception and gallery talk with Popoff on Wednesday, March 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. According to Popoff, “At Home with Our Histories” is a series of work that examines images of Americana. The collection is “perhaps as an instinctive response to try to make sense of our current culture by looking back,” she says in her artist’s statement, “or maybe to find connections that may explain why our history seems so present and unresolved. This series reflects my own, personal histories and a societal, American history.

“Through my work, I acknowledge that the social problems of today are deeply rooted in our past,” she says. “Through this dialog with history, I hope to contribute to the redirection of social, psychological and spiritual aspects of the future.” The Taber Art Gallery, located off the lobby of the HCC Library on the second floor of the HCC Donahue Building, is free and open to the public Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., during regular school sessions or by appointment. Popoff was born in Akron, Ohio, and lives and works in Greenfield. She holds a bachelor’s degree in fine arts in painting and ceramics from Miami University and a master’s degree in fine arts in painting from the University of North Carolina. Her recent honors include a Massachusetts Cultural Council

Artist Fellowship in painting; the Clowes Fund Fellowship and Residency, Vermont Studio Center 2019; Millay Colony Fellow 2018; the Artist’s Resource Trust Fellowship and Residency, Vermont Studio Center 2017; The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grant 2017; a Promise Award from the Sustainable Arts Foundation 2016; Finalist Award from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist Fellowship in Painting 2016. Recent solo shows include “At Home with Our Histories” at The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, “O Children” at the Herter Gallery at the University of Massachusetts, and “Rock on Doily” at the Augusta Savage Gallery at the University of Massachusetts. For more information, please contact Amy Johnquest, director of the Taber Art Gallery, at 413-552-2614.

STCC Asphalt Academy class starts March 9

SPRINGFIELD – Registration is open for Springfield Technical Community College’s Asphalt Academy Pre-Apprenticeship Program, which begins March 9. The program provides an opportunity to obtain asphalt certifications through training in the new mobile asphalt classroom at STCC. Anyone now working in the asphalt industry can enhance their career through New England Transportation Technician Certification Program advanced certifications. Those who are interested in a career in the asphalt industry may wish to consider the Pre-Apprenticeship Asphalt Quality Control program with paid on the job training, career counseling, an NETTCP certification and transitioning into the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association Apprenticeship program, said Elliot Levy, senior director of the Workforce

Development Center at STCC. Levy said some scholarship funds may be available. Call the Workforce Development Center at 413- 755-4225 for details. STCC now has a state-of-the-art asphalt testing laboratory that recreates labs used in the industry. In addition, STCC received a donation from Aggregate Industries, of Wrentham, a member of MAAPA of additional equipment including scales, a sieve shaker and sieves used to test the grading of coarse and fine aggregates. Students can work with state-of-the-art equipment in addition to being able to train in the new lab. “We are grateful to Aggregate Industries for their generous donation and support,” Levy said. The asphalt training is possible through collaborative efforts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, MAAPA and the NETTCP.

The class is filling fast and limited seats are available. For more information, visit stcc.edu/wdc or call 413-755-4225. Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state. STCC’s highly regarded transfer programs in business, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, liberal arts and STEM fields continue to provide the most affordable options for students pursuing a four-year degree. It has an annual enrollment of about 7,000 day, evening, weekend, and online students. For more information about STCC, visit www.stcc.edu.

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary 2020 winter lecture series

WALES – Winter lectures at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary are offered on Saturdays at 1:30pm. Please RSVP by calling 413-267-9654. The lectures are free; however, attendees are asked that to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to support the local food pantry. In case of inclement weather please call ahead, check our Facebook page or visit www. norcrosswildlife.org. **Saturday, March 7** *Design-less gardening: a naturalistic approach* Disregard traditional design rules and adopt a new approach to garden design. Look to nature for inspiration. What clues can be take from the landscape to help a site to thrive? Learn to evaluate sunlight, moisture, soil and other factors to encourage a successful garden that does not require many inputs in the way of watering, fertilizing and extra coddling. Dan Jaffe, Norcross horticulturist and propagator, will show attendees how to create a low maintenance garden that actively supports the environment and provides beauty for all-- people and pollinators alike. **Saturday, March 14** *You, me and climate change* Climate Change: It’s what’s for dinner.. Not just tonight but every night for the foreseeable future. Since we know what’s being

served up we may as well come up with a creative menu to deal with or mitigate the changes to come. Excess CO2 is not the problem; it’s a symptom as are the extreme weather patterns. Fossil fuel is only a fraction of the excess carbon in the atmosphere. Trevor Smith, lead designer at Land Escapes Design, will go past the scary numbers and the heartbreaking photographs of emaciated polar bears floating alone on a piece of ice and break out individuals can do. He makes it clear that the power to slow or stop climate change doesn’t rest solely in the hands of government and will leave everyone inspired and empowered to take action. **Saturday, March 21** *Bare trees and naked shrubs* No leaves? No problem! Boot Boutwell, a freelance itinerant naturalist and educator, will show attendees how to use a combination of branching patterns, bud and bark characteristics, habitat, persistent fruits, galls and marcescent leaves to help identify woody plants in winter. Attendees will use both bud and twig samples to study the subjects. While this is an indoor presentation, there will be the option to go for a walk afterward.

NBHS Class of 1960 reunion

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield High School Class of 1960 reunion will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 308 Lakeside (formerly the Lashaway Inn), in East Brookfield. Those interested in going are asked to sign up by May 1. To sign up, contact Tim Parker at RiterTim@gmail.com or call him at 413-967-3343.

Ware soccer registration open

WARE — Ware soccer sign-ups for ages 4-10 are due by March 15. All games are only in town teams. If people need a registration form, they may contact Herb Foley at 413-461-6143.

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EQLT to hold video contest

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust will hold a video contest. People may submit a short video that showcases their outdoor adventures on conservation land. EQLT seeks submissions of short films (1-3 minutes) embracing winter themes, though anything outdoors will do. People may take a video of animals, sunsets, winter fields, icicles on leaves, found mittens. In recent months, the East Quabbin Land Trust has been overjoyed to see people checking into preserves and taking photographs at Mandell Hill, the Fitness Trail, Moose Brook Preserve and many others. People may share their finished work with Sophie at youtheducation@EQLT.org. All submissions will be posted on the land trust Facebook page. This video contest is open to any and all folks, who live around the area. Formal video submissions for the contest will be due Friday, Feb. 28, though any art or photo/ videos people want to make of EQLT properties are always encouraged.

Meeting in March on new highway exit numbers

SPRINGFIELD — State transportation officials have scheduled additional meetings about the planned switch to mileage-based exit numbers on major highways. After a first round of sessions was held in December, there will be at least one additional Western Massachusetts date this spring. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 220 of City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield. All are invited to learn more about the project and ask questions in person. The conversion, planned to begin this summer, will affect most highways with exit numbers in Massachusetts, including Interstates 84, 90, 91, 190, 290 and 395, and the expressway portions of state routes such as Route 2. For example, on the Massachusetts Turnpike, rather than running from Exit 1 in West Stockbridge to Exit 26 at Logan

Airport, mileage-based exit numbers will start at 3 and end at 137. The former Exits 5 at Route 33 and 6 at I-291, both in Chicopee, will become Exits 49 and 51 respectively. A handful of short expressways with closely spaced exits, including Interstates 291 and 391 in the Springfield area, will not see their numbers change. The switch will bring most highways in Massachusetts, one of the last states in the country to number its exits sequentially, into compliance with 2009 federal standards. The project is expected to cost \$2.8 million, statewide, of which 90 percent will be paid by a federal grant. MassDOT officials have said if the exit numbers are not changed by 2022, Massachusetts could have its federal highway aid withheld. MassDOT also plans to schedule additional meetings this spring and summer. For more information about the project, visit www. NewMassExits.com.

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Fire Chief Chris Gagnon helps Alana Inslee try on firefighting gear last week during a visit to the fire station. Her friend, Emma Bonnayer, watches.



FIREFIGHTER from page 1

She made it through and is doing well, according to Fire Chief Chris Gagnon, and he, Deputy Chief James Martinez and other firefighters were only too happy to welcome her to their staff.

Her mother, Kim Inslee, said her daughter's one goal was to become a firefighter and both she and Alana were thrilled it had happened. "She loves ambulances," her mother said. "Her biggest love is the ambulance."

Inslee got her wish and inspected the ambulance inside and out, trying out the stretcher with her newfound colleagues, who were thrilled to escort her from vehicle to vehicle and give her rides in fire truck and a pickup truck.

"This is on her bucket list so to speak," said her mom. "She has just always wanted to be firefighter; that's what she says when you ask her what she wants to be." With a risky surgery due the next day, it seemed like a great time to have her visit, according to her mother, Gagnon and Martinez.

She brought a friend, Emma Bonnayer, with her and they checked out the equipment, took selfies and got rides in some of the equipment together. Inslee also tried on fire gear, including a respirator.

Inslee received a framed certificate stating she is an honorary Ware firefighter, a Fire Department badge, a patch and a water bottle to mark her visit.

Judging from the smiles on her face and those of the firefighters who drove her around and gave her a tour, it was a wildly successful visit for all.



Alana Inslee tries on a respirator as Chief Chris Gagnon watches.



Alana Inslee receives a firefighter's badge and patch from Deputy Fire Chief James Martinez as the department made her an honorary firefighter.



Alana Inslee and her friend, Emma Bonnayer, check out one of the Ware Fire Department trucks and take a few selfies while they're inside it.

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Deputy Fire Chief James Martinez gives Alana Inslee a certificate making her an honorary firefighter.

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enjoy a break as well as the flora and fauna.

Smola and Gobi said they were looking forward to seeing the park finished and a celebration of Lucy Stone Park that will take place on Aug. 22. "It's going to be an exciting summer here," said Smola.

The celebration in August will focus on the park's natural history, plants and animals to be found at the park, fun events on the river, the annual Duck Race as well as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which was near and dear to the heart of Lucy Stone, O'Brien said.

In the meantime, the grant will provide additional plants, with a focus on those native to the area, benches and additional picnic tables, he said. Some of the money will be used to create a brochure about the park.

"So many people have helped make this park possible, and we would like to thank each and every one of them," O'Brien said.

Both Gobi and Smola said the project was made possible in large part due to O'Brien's dedication to remaking the park and making a natural area more accessible to everyone.



Left to right are Tim O'Brien, state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, Joyce Eichader and State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, holding a facsimile of the \$5,000 state grant recently received to finish off the total remake of Lucy Stone Park at Old Brookfield Road.

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Final vote for state tournament looms

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – It comes down to a meeting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28 at 9:45 a.m. to decide whether the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will move forward with a proposal to have a statewide postseason tournament, and eliminate the sectional tournaments.

The vote will take place at special meeting of the Board of Directors at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting will be held for representatives from the 380 members schools, all of which will have a vote on the proposal.

For Western and Central Massachusetts, the statewide tournament proposal would create a 32-team state tournament with additional teams vying to qualify by a .500 record.

It would eliminate the sectional tournaments that currently take

place in most sports.

Overall, the proposal has seen some resistance from many athletic directors in Western Mass., who believe the statewide proposal favors the eastern part of the state.

Another contentious issue is how the teams will be ranked. Because of the diversity of teams and leagues in Western Massachusetts, the region has used the Walker system for many years. It factors elements like wins, wins against other qualifying teams, and strength of schedule, applying point values to teams in certain leagues.

The Western Mass. tournament, starting next year, and then state tournaments, if they are voted through for the fall 2021, would be ranked using MaxPreps.

One of many questions brought up during various informational meetings and discussions about the proposal is how exactly MaxPreps will rank the teams. However the

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Submitted photo

RELAY TEAM SETS SCHOOL RECORD

Quabbin's Regional High School's 4 by 800 meter indoor relay team (Lukas Anderson, Elliot Walsh, Bailey Metcalf and Ben Hood) broke the school record at the All-State Championship Meet with their 8:27.85 performance. The previous school record (8:29.03) was set in 1997 by Forest Wilber, Dan Ostiguy, Dan Pearson and David Marcinowski. The foursome finished second place the weekend before at the State Division 4 Championship meet.



Keith Smith reaches up for the opening tip-off.



John Soltys heads for the paint.



Olivia Vadnais drives to the basket.



Chelsea Orszulak dives for the loose ball.

Strong regular season nets two-seed for Ware

By Chris Drosehn
Sports Correspondent

WARE – The Ware High School Lady Indians finished off a strong season on Tuesday against Putnam Vocational a Technical Academy on Tuesday. Ware was able to defeat Putnam by a score of 48-27. The win caps off a 15-5 season by Ware and earns them a spot in divisional tournaments that started Feb. 24.

The game against Putnam was not without a struggle, especially considering that Putnam is another team heading into the divisional tournaments as well. The team found themselves trailing at the end of the first quarter by 8 points. This was due largely to a slow start and some sloppy defense as well.

“We have had a week off from games. Honestly, the other team

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Audrey LaValley breaks through the defensive double-team.

Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com



Amelia Bonnayer takes the corner to the net.

Quaboag falls in senior night game

By Chris Drosehn
Sports Correspondent

WARREN – There are times and moments when something that happens within the game is bigger than sports. Sports are generally about competing to the best of your abilities and trying to win. However, at Senior Night for the boys varsity basketball team of Quaboag Regional, the night was about something larger than sports.

The team lost to Tantasqua Regional at home. It was a lopsided score, 63-39, with Tantasqua pulling out the win. However, the raucous crowd, and all eyes in the gym turned to what would happen with Quaboag Senior, Adam Bolaske.

Bolaske was the only senior for Quaboag being honored during senior night, but he has been injured all year. He had shown up to every practice and was at every game for Quaboag this year. It speaks to his team leadership and his want to be there, even if he couldn't participate due to injury.

“I didn't know what we were going to do, until the players asked me if we could put him in for a few seconds,” head coach Chris Reilly said after the game. “Adam was looking for the last ten seconds or something. I didn't know how we were going to do it and in a safe manner.”

Reilly was fearful of making



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
Tyler Hall grabs this rebound.



Deshean Hutchinson delivers the defense.

the injury worse for Bolaske, the crowd wanted to honor their beloved senior.

In the end, Bolaske did get into the game based on a suggestion from a Tantasqua head coach, Scott Dion. “He came up with that idea in the last minute. That was a class act. I didn't even think it was a possibility. He was the one that suggested that in that moment” Reilly said.

The score was lopsided enough that Adam was able to get into the game to thunderous applause. He was given the ball, and both teams allowed him to head to the basket and get one last score in for his high school basketball career.


“He is a good shooter. Even though he missed that lay-up. He was laughing too,” said Reilly.

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Western Mass. Basketball Bracketology

Editor’s Note: These brackets represent Turley Sports picks for the upcoming basketball tournaments. They are for the enjoyment of our readers. Please play along and compare your brackets to ours and see if you can pick the winners, too.

DIVISION 1 BOYS


Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions
1 Central (19-1)	Central	Central	<div> Central</div>
4 Commerce (14-6)			
5 Holyoke (11-9)			
2 Putnam (15-5)	Putnam	Putnam	
7			
3 Sci-Tech (16-4)	Sci-Tech		
6 Minnechaug (12-8)			

Division 1 Boys

Central had a bounce-back season after losing a few games last season. The Golden Eagles lost just once this season. Holyoke will reach the semifinals, but will fall to Central. Putnam and Sci-Tech will go at it in the other semifinal, with Putnam prevailing. Central beats Putnam in the finals.

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Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions
1 Central (12-7)	Central Holyoke	Central	 Central
4 Westfield (11-9)			
5 Holyoke (10-10)			
2 Minnechaug (16-4)	Minnechaug Chicopee	Chicopee	
3 Chicopee (14-6)			

Division 1 Girls

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DIVISION 2 BOYS

Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions			
1 Chicopee (16-4)	Chicopee	Chicopee	 Chicopee			
4 Quabbin (15-5)						
5 Tantasqua (13-7)	Tantasqua					
2 Longmeadow (13-7)	Longmeadow	Taconic				
7 Ludlow (10-10)						
3 Taconic (16-4)	Taconic					
6 Belchertown (9-11)						


Division 2 Boys

Chicopee continues to get better and earns the top seed in the D2 tourney. We think this year will be the Pacers' year, led by 1,000-point scorer Kobe Parker. Ludlow and Belchertown will reach tournament for the first time in a while. But both will fall to more experienced playoff teams.

DIVISION 3 BOYS


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DIVISION 2 GIRLS

Quarter Finals		Final Four		Finals		Champions	
1	Northampton (14-6)	Northampton	Tantasqua	Northampton	 Taconic	Division 2 Girls Northampton will be upset in the finals by Taconic, which plays a Berkshire schedule and won 18 games this season. Quabbin and Tantasqua fall in the earlier rounds.	
8	Pittsfield (10-10)						
4	E. Longmeadow (13-7)						
5	Tantasqua (15-5)						
2	Longmeadow (13-7)	Longmeadow	Taconic	Taconic			
7	Amherst (15-5)						
3	Taconic (18-2)						
6	Quabbin (15-5)						

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DIVISION 3 BOYS

Round 1	Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions	Finals	Final Four	Quarter Finals	Round 1	
1 Narragansett (18-2)	Narragansett	Mt. Greylock	<div></div> <div>Frontier</div> <div>Division 3 Boys</div> <div>Back in Division 3, South Hadley will make some noise in this year's tournament after a bounce-back season. But Frontier and Wahconah will make the finals with Frontier pulling through in the finals of the D3 tournament.</div>	Frontier	South Hadley	Sabis	2 Sabis (12-8)		
8 Greenfield (13-7)							7 South Hadley (14-6)		
9 Mt. Greylock (14-6)	Mt. Greylock				South Hadley	10 Mahar (10-10)			
4 Wahconah (15-5)						3 Frontier (16-4)			
13 Hoosac (10-10)	Wahconah	Wahconah			Frontier	Monument Mtn	14 Athol (9-11)		
5 Renaissance (16-4)							6 Monument Mtn (15-5)		
12 Murdock (14-6)	Renaissance					11 Palmer (11-9)			

DIVISION 3 GIRLS

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DIVISION 3 GIRLS

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1 Wahconah (16-4)	Wahconah	Wahconah			Hoosac	Hoosac	Hampshire	2 Hampshire (13-7)
8 Frontier (14-6)								7 South Hadley (11-9)
9 Palmer (10-10)	Frontier	Wahconah			Wahconah	10 Mahar (12-8)		
4 Greenfield (15-5)						3 Hoosac (14-6)		
5 Sabis (11-9)	Sabis	Greenfield	Greenfield		Hoosac	Granby	6 Granby (10-10)	
12 Easthampton (12-8)							11 Mt. Greylock (10-10)	


Division 3 Girls

South Hadley is no longer the top seed, paving the way for Wahconah and Hoosac to make the finals without much difficulty this year. We pick Wahconah over Greenfield in a competitive semifinal. Hoosac, with a win over Division 1 Minnechaug, should win the final.

DIVISION 4 BOYS

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1 Bay State Academy (14-6)	Bay State Academy	Granby	<div></div> <div>Monson</div> <div>Division 4 Boys</div> <div>An interesting bracket with varied strengths of schedule for many of the top teams involved. We pick Monson to win. They had a tough schedule and won a lot of games by big scores. They also have Logan Gerry, who notched 1,000 points this season.</div>	Hopkins	Drury	Drury	Franklin Tech	2 Drury (13-7)	
8 Duggan (16-4)								7 Turners Falls (10-10)	
9 Granby (10-10)	Granby	Monson			Monson	Hopkins	Hopkins	10 Franklin Tech (14-6)	
4 Monson (14-6)								3 Hopkins (13-7)	
13 Smith Voke (9-11)	Monson	Monson			Hopkins	Hampden Charter	Hampden Charter	6 Ware (11-9)	
5 Lenox (12-8)								11 Hampden Charter (14-6)	
12 Westfield Tech (9-9)	Lenox								

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DIVISION 4 GIRLS

Round 1	Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions	Finals	Final Four	Quarter Finals	Round 1	
1 Monson (18-2)	Monson	Monson		Division 4 Girls The largest bracket in the tournament with 15 teams qualifying. Monson was by far the best team in the Division and is our pick to win it all. Ware had another great season, and will get to the finals this season with a big win over Lenox.	Ware	Ware	Ware	2 Ware (15-5)	
8 North Brookfield (13-7)								15 Gateway (10-10)	
9 Putnam (11-9)	Putnam	Monson				Pioneer	7 McCann Tech (11-9)		
4 Lee (11-9)							10 Pioneer (10-10)		
13 St. Mary (11-7)	Lee	Franklin Tech	Franklin Tech		Lenox	Hopkins	3 Lenox (13-7)		
5 Franklin Tech (17-3)							14 Duggan (10-10)		
12 Pathfinder (12-8)	Franklin Tech							6 Hopkins (12-8)	
								11 Hampden Charter (12-6)	

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BONDVILLE BOWLING NEWS

By Dave Smigiel

Kibbe’s Saw Mill has leapfrogged the Narutowicz in the hunt for the “wildcard” play-off berth as they had no problem downing them 7-0. Tony Burke with 101, Jim Quinlin with 102 and Dave Burke with 103 combined in the first to counter Lee Robinson’s excellent 123 resulting in a 16-pin victory. Lee came back with a 107 second, however, Tony’s 115 and Jim’s 100 produced an easy win. In the third, it was Jim’s 120 and Tyler Kibbe’s 100 that settled the issue. Jim topped the victors at 322 with Tony at 301 while Lee was the top barman at 330. Pinfall by 101 for Kibbe’s.

Despite dropping a 5-2 decision to the Cannonballs, the Incredibowls have extended their Western lead to five over the Towicz. Keith Marchessault with 355 (111, 118, 126) and Micah Hinckley with 331 (112, 105, 114) combined to lead the Cannonball attack. The Incredibowls lone points came in the second as Aaron Plankey’s super 139 along with Steve Swistak’s 104 and Billy Brunk’s 105 secured the win by 10. Steve added singles of 126 and 116 and led his quartet at 346. Aaron followed at 332 while Peter Swistak chipped in with 109 and 308. Pinfall to the Cannonballs by 41.

In the Central, the Night Hawks opened with easy wins in the first two and went on to defeat Fire Mountain 5-2 taking pinfall by 86. Darryl Sinclair led the way as his league leading 366 resulted from strings of 106, 127 and 133. Aiding was Gavin Sinclair at 331 (137 and 104) and Dave Fennyery 308 (112 and 104). The Hawks fell one skinny little pin shy of a sweep as Bob LaPlante’s 100, Gary Delisle’s 108 and Rick Trott’s 104 did the trick. Rick also tossed a 108 and led his squad at 305.

Sandri kept pace with the Hawks as they slipped past the Snappers 5-2. Sue Horton was the top gun for Sandri as her 343 resulted from strings of 116, 117 and 110. Randy Harper was right behind at 339 (114 and 129) with Rich Picotte at 335 (122, 107, 106). Kevin Krasnecky led the opposition with his 115 and 315. Ryan Balicki contributed 111 and 309 while Rusty Lambert totaled 307 (120 and 107). Pinfall by 64 to Sandri.

The Slow Burners surprised the Fans of Kayce Smith 5-2 by winning strings one and three. Deano Koczur was the Burners best at 339 (111, 105, 123). Nate Orszulak added 321 (107 and 116) while Jody Orszulak chipped in with 105 and 108 singles and Scotty Radisic a 112 first. They won the third by 10 pins. Tom Clauson topped the Fans at 361 (136, 113, 112) while Mike Nicholson followed at 353 (106, 129, 118). Brian Rowe added 107 and 304. The Burners won the pinfall battle by 13 pins.

Zeke’s Freaks took advantage of their 51-pin handicap to upset Roll-A-Way 5-2. In the first it was Zeke Sicard’s 100 and Steve Orszulak’s 106 that offset Kylie Josefiak’s 117 and Dan Gauthier’s 118 resulting in an eight-pin win. Zeke’s took the second handily as Ryan Breen’s 101 countered Phil Clough’s 128. Ed Stachowicz would add a 116 third, however, Roll-A-Way would secure the points by eight as Dan’s 129 and Phil’s 113 would decide it. Ed topped the Freaks at 306 while Shoe led his foursome at 346 with Phil at 343 and Kylie 307. Pinfall by 29 to the Freaks.



public safety

Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

Two-car accident

Friday, Feb. 14 around 4:40 p.m., a caller reported there was a two-car accident at the intersection of North and Pleasant streets. There were no injuries were reported. Both cars were towed from the scene. Ware police reported a vehicle traveling down North Street when the car on Pleasant Street proceeded into the intersection where the two collided.

Ware Police Log

Thursday, Feb. 13
2:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
8:56 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
10:05 a.m. Fraud Shoreline Drive – Services Rendered
10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
12:45 p.m. Arrest West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
3 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered
4:08 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
4:22 p.m. Ambulance Request Meadow Road – Services Rendered
5 p.m. Arrest West Street – Arrest on Warrant
5:02 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Pulaski Street – Advised Civil Action
8:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered

Friday, Feb. 14
7:32 a.m. Stolen Vehicle Report Palmer Road – Criminal Complaint Issued
2:27 p.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered
4:38 p.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
6:50 p.m. Alarm Burglar North Street – Services Rendered

Saturday, Feb. 15
8:25 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
9:52 a.m. Investigation North Street – Arrest, Felony Charge
5:18 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Investigated, Report Filed
5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
6:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
7:17 p.m. Vandalism West Main Street – Services Rendered
8:21 p.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Referred to Other Agency
9:46 p.m. Ambulance Request West Main Street – Referred to Other Agency

Man found on side of the road

On Saturday, Feb. 15 at 6:55 p.m. a caller reported a man was found on side of the road between the Canadian Tree Co. and the Quabbin Reservoir entrance. The caller advised the man on the ground was conscious and alert and his only complaint was that he is cold. Officers dispatched to the scene and Ware Fire responded on scene. The man was transported to Mary Lane.

Truck breaks pole

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, around 6:30 p.m. a caller reported a tractor trailer unit cracked a utility pole and pulled down all the wires. The caller said the driver was out of the vehicle and away from the wires and truck. When Ware police arrived on scene, the driver reported the trailer was backing in too far and struck the pole in the process. The driver reported he didn’t think he hit the pole. National Grid was called and replaced the pole, which took about nine hours to complete.

Sunday, Feb. 16
2:20 a.m. Arrest South Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
4:31 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Investigated, Report Filed
4:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
7:16 p.m. Ambulance Request Dugan Road – Services Rendered

Monday, Feb. 17
2:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street – Written Warning
2:18 a.m. Town By-Law Violation East Main Street – Citation Issued
2:26 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Prospect Street – Citation Issued
2:32 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Aspen Street – Citation Issued
6:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
3:03 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
6:34 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency
8:43 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Feb. 18
3:34 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Aspen Street – Citation Issued
3:42 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Church Street – Citation Issued
4:31 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
7:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Citation Issued
9:47 a.m. Ambulance Request Eddy Street – Services Rendered
4:31 p.m. Larceny, Theft Request Fisherdick Road – Investigation Pending

Wednesday, Feb. 19
8:30 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Services Rendered
10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written

Ware Arrests

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

WARE – From Thursday, Feb. 13 through Thursday, Feb. 20, Ware Police arrested six people.

A 35-year-old Ware man was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 13 on charges of violating an abuse prevention order.

Anthony Smith, 36 of 61 West St., Ware, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 15 on a warrant.

Gilberto Santiago, 60, of 56 Doane Road, Ware, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 15, on charges of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Tina Bellis, 46, of 26 Otis Ave., Ware, was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 16 on a warrant.

Edgar Rodriguez, 41, of 24 Stuyvesant, Springfield, was arrested on Monday, Feb. 17, on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

Joseph Hurlburt, 24, of Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 19 on two warrants and charges of failure to stop for police, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop at a stop sign, speeding, marked lanes violation, lights violation, license not in possession, possession of a false RMV signature, leaving the scene of property damage and two charges of wanton destruction of property valued at over \$1,200.

Basic Firearms Safety Course available for locals

BELCHERTOWN - State Certified Instructor, Ofc. Edward Oey will be offering a Basic Firearms Safety Course on Saturday, March 7. Class will be held at the Swift River Sportsman Club, located at 350 Cold Spring Rd. (AKA: Moore Rd) in Belchertown starting at 9 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. As required by State Law, the course is an 8-hour classroom session.

As required by the State of Massachusetts, the course covers: safe use and handling of firearms; storage, methods of securing/childproofing firearms; knowledge of operation pistols & revolvers; nomenclature, pistols/ revolvers/ rifles/ shotguns; ammunition;

basic shooting skills; shooting exercises; and laws pertaining to the possession, transportation and storage of firearms.

Students are required to pass a written proficiency exam. Students can also handle a variety of firearms.

This is a license to carry firearms, Massachusetts State Police Approved, NRA safety course required for new LTC/FID. A Massachusetts State Police Certificate will be awarded at the completion of the course. Concealed Carry Course and IDPA/Action Course both available on request.

The cost for the basic safety course is \$80. Spaces reserved on

a first paid, first registered basis. If for any reason you are unable to attend, your money may be refunded if your spot can be filled or you will be enrolled into the next class. Reserve your space early classes fill up quickly.

For questions or to receive a registration form please email Ofc. Edward Oey at robocop50@aol.com. Registration forms are also available at R&R Sports Shop on Federal St. and at the Belchertown Police Station.

Ofc. Oey is a certified NRA / M.P.T.C. / S&W / State Firearms / LEOSA Instructor/ Armorer/ Officer Down / Rescue / Taser / IALEFI Master Firearms Instructor.

Warren Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 16
10:05 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Parking Citation Issued
10:39 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital
11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Columbus Avenue – Citation Issued
7:21 p.m. Property Damage Bemis Road – Officer Spoke to Party
7:29 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Liberty Street – Transported to Hospital
8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Road – Citation Issued

Monday, Feb. 17
5:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
11:46 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency West Main Street – Transported to Hospital
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
Summons: Cody R. Jarvis, 32, West Warren
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

Tuesday, Feb. 18
6:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
11:33 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
Summons: Tina D. Parent, 35, West Brookfield
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Inspection/ Sticker, No
2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
6:48 p.m. Follow-up Investigation Keyes Street –

Services Rendered
Summons: Joy Parker, 34, Warren
Crime Report, False
Grace M. Pensinger, 28, Warren
Crime Report, False
9:22 p.m. Identity Theft Main Street – Report Filed
10:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
11:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Wednesday, Feb. 19
12:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
2:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
4:35 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Reed Street – Officer Spoke to Party
Summons: James S. Robitaille, 67, Warren
Defacing/Damaging Property
Summons: James Neils, 70, Warren
Defacing/Damaging Property
9:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Thursday, Feb. 20
2:27 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bemis Road – Transported to Hospital
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Friday, Feb. 21
11:53 a.m. Serve Warrant Bemis Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Joshua S. Bessette, 25, Warren
Warrant
3:52 p.m. Parking Violation Milton O. Fountain Way – Citation Issued
7:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

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Brimfield Road – Written Warning
11:41 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brimfield Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Feb. 22
12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasant Street – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Christopher Leroux, 26, Palmer
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
8:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Road – Citation Issued
11 p.m. Larceny Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Feb. 23
12:54 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
12:58 a.m. Parking Violation North Street – Citation Issued

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“We knew he was going to run, so we had them set up with the stop sticks,” Downing said. “Then at that point we decided to flush him out.” Officers drove through every side street, while Downing went out on foot and followed the car through town.

Once the car was located on Monroe Street, Downing said he got in his cruiser and drove to the address. “(Hurlburt) and an passenger were slouched down in the car,” Downing said, who drove to end of the street, confirmed the vehicle with dispatch and turned around, parking “nose to nose with him to try to prevent a chase.”

“I knew he had two warrants, he dragged a trooper so he was willing to hurt people, so I jumped out of the car and yelled at him to shut off the car and throw the keys out,” Downing said. “He threw the keys on the hood of the car, and it was a key fob, so it was still close enough to the car for him to operate.”

Downing said the passenger jumped out of the car, saying he didn’t want to be part of it. The driver hit reverse, backing into the house on Monroe Street, causing damage to the foundation, according to Downing.

At that point, Hurlburt pulled out without turning his headlights on as he drove down Monroe Street, and turned right onto South Street, without stopping at the stop sign.



A motorist fled from police last week and became airborne at the railroad tracks on South Street.

Downing said he pursued the car and called in Hurlburt’s speed at 65 miles per hour by Mary Lane. Downing then warned Warren Police the pursuit was heading in their direction. A State Trooper was on her way as well.

“We got by the down by the tracks, and he hit them, then went flying, rotating in a circle,” Downing said. “I saw the air bags deploy before he touched the ground. He bounced up the road, hit the grass in front of Club 12, through a speed limit sign and into a ditch.”

Downing said Hurlburt was breathing but unconscious, and wasn’t wearing a seatbelt.

He was transported to Baystate Mary Lane, where he was evaluated.

uated. Later on, in the morning, Hurlburt was medically cleared by the hospital and was then arrested.

During a search of the vehicle, officers located the State Trooper’s sunglasses inside the vehicle, confirming it was the vehicle from the earlier call, according to Downing.

He was charged with failure to stop for police, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop at a stop sign, speeding, marked lanes violation, lights violation, license not in possession, possession of a false RMV signature, leaving the scene of property damage accident and two charges wanton destruction of property valued at more than over \$1,200. There were also other charges from the Massachusetts State Police.

Babysitters Academy to take place April 21

WARE – Baystate Mary Lane will sponsor a Babysitters Academy in April to ready area youth for spring and summer babysitting responsibilities. The one day program will take place Tuesday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Conference Room located on the second floor.

The Babysitters Academy is a certified babysitter program for young adults ages 11 ½ to 16. The Tuesday session offers potential babysitters instruction in baby care, first aid, CPR, fire safety, home security, child behavior and

accident prevention.

Participants are given a course booklet containing helpful tips and other information, and will receive a graduation certificate upon completion of the course. The program is offered by the Parenting Education Program at Baystate Medical Center. There is a \$75 fee per student, then \$30 for each additional family or group member. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit baystatehealth.org/parented and click on Infant and Child Care or call 413-794-5515.

Tech Class of '70 to hold reunion

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Technical High School Class of 1970 will hold their 50th Reunion Saturday, April 25 from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Springfield Country Club, 1375 Elm St., West Springfield. Tickets are \$60 per person and must be purchased by April 10.

For more information, call Vinnie Iuliano at 508-633-5000 or email viulianosr@aol.com.

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Genealogy and family history fundraiser

LUDLOW – A “Genealogy and Family History Fundraiser” is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic steeple.

Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of learning (or relearning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through obstacles or inspire them to just “get

going” again. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.,

So much has changed in the past year alone that keeping up to date on both online and offline collections is critical. The sessions are designed for beginner to intermediate level researchers. They will even touch on DNA to discuss which test should be used and why, what it can and what it can’t do and what to do after receiving the results. The importance of social media will be covered. Used properly, it can be very surprising what it can do for researchers.

The cost is only \$40 for the four sessions which will be comprised of an hour to an hour and a half of instruction with time allowed for comments as well as question and answer segments. All students need is a pen and paper to take notes as there will be handouts to take home.

Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info. Send an email indicating intentions to attend and the number of participants. Knowing the number of attendees is very important so Fellowship Hall can be set up comfortably for all.

Legislator to speak during annual MLK lecture

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College will welcome state Rep. Nika Elugardo (D-Jamaica Plain) as the keynote speaker for the seventh annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Marsh Memorial Chapel.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture, which is free and open to all, honors the history of inclusion and diversity at Springfield College and is presented by the Division of Inclusion and Community Engagement.

Elugardo will reflect on the impact of Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech to the Massachusetts House of Representatives on April 22, 1965. During the presentation, Elugardo will highlight and reflect on some of her favorite quotes from King’s speech. She will discuss how far the state has come and how far it must go in pursuit of racial and economic justice, including the role of

Massachusetts citizens and elected officials in those efforts.

Elected in 2018 to the Massachusetts House of Representatives to represent the 15th Suffolk and Norfolk District, Elugardo oversees the Boston neighborhoods of Brookline, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill and Roslindale. Elugardo has more than 20 years of experience in community and economic development with public, private and non-profit leaders in communities of color.

Springfield College started the Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture in 2014 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s commencement speech and honorary degree presentation at Springfield College. King visited Springfield College on June

14, 1964, just 10 months after his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, and six months before receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.

Also as part of the evening, the second annual Springfield College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awards will be presented to an outstanding student, employee and Springfield community member. The awards recognize those who have made a significant contribution to diversity and inclusion on campus or in the Springfield community.

Those with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to fully participate in this event should contact Katerina Valentin at kvalentin@springfield.edu or 413-748-3778 to discuss accessibility needs.



Rep. Nika Elugardo (D-Jamaica Plain)

Fun field forensics with family

By Tyler Witkop

If there is one positive to the unseasonably warm winter we’ve been having it’s that going out in the woods is more comfortable.

When it’s frigid, I like to sit inside with copious cups of coffee, on the couch, in comfort. But we haven’t had many of those days this year. In fact, this whole winter has reminded me of a typical late February, early March series of weather. While the lack of snow might be hampering my abilities to slide down mountains, it has enabled me to get outside a bit more than I expected with my young outdoor adventurers.

Just recently, in the middle of a stressful week, my niece and nephew wanted to go out in the woods, “exploring” around the swamp and family fields. I always walk with my eyes peeled to the ground and my senses at the ready, trying to pick up anything out of place and will freely admit, I get excited when I find any little treasure like feathers, fur or even bones. I like that they share my enthusiasm.

When we walked into the woods, one of the first observa-



tions I made was at the amount of deer droppings there are this year. It caught my attention as much to keep my nephew from touching his face after dropping the football he carried with him as anything doe; fresh and days old.

That got the rusty gears in my brain to turn. We could start looking for animal sign wherever we could find it and use the experience as a brief introduction to animal tracking.

I took them to the edge of the property along a hill with an old barbed wire fence marking a property line. There’s a well used deer trail that crosses a little creek and

into a meadow in the floodplain of the Scantic River. On the barbs there’s always deer hair.

We came up to the fence and I brought my niece over, asking her what she saw and if she noticed anything on the fence. She didn’t, but I did. Little strands of deer hair. So I pulled a hair and asked if she could guess what it was. She couldn’t at first, but was excited when she realized it was a deer and took some as a souvenir.

I just happened to look down and noticed more on the ground. Not in full clumps, but scattered white hairs in the grass and moss. I picked one up and showed it to her and she quickly guessed correctly it was deer hair, and I gave up that it was belly hair. Then I quizzed her as to why belly hair would be on the ground and back hair on the underside of the barbs. She was stumped for a few minutes, but finally got it: they crawled under the fence not jump over it.

Now they are even more excited and eager to find something bigger. And they’re figuring out how, one hair at a time.

Sheriff’s Dept. receives grant to support yoga

SPRINGFIELD – Offenders serving time with the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department will be the first to benefit from a \$200 mini-grant from the Seed to Flower Fund for Yoga Service. The grant will help yoga teacher Johanna Hammer, who has been offering recovery yoga at the department’s Western Mass. Recovery and Wellness Center in Springfield, reach more people in this year.

Thanks to a partnership with Breathing Space Yoga & Mindfulness Studio in Holyoke, the Sheriff’s Department has been offering yoga classes to offenders at the minimum-security Pre-Release Center in Ludlow. This builds upon the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction and Stress, Anger and Violence Reduction classes also offered at the main institution in Ludlow.

The objective of the programs is to enhance self-control and reduce unconscious reactions to situations by helping the men and women in our care become more mindful, self-aware and engaged to reduce the chances they will return to our custody.

“Many people in our care have never been taught to pause before



The Hampden County Sheriff’s Department has received a mini grant from the Seed to Flower Fund to expand recovery yoga offerings to the men and women in the department’s care. Pictured (from left) are Anthony Scibelli, assistant superintendent of the Western Mass. Recovery and Wellness Center; Dori Digenti, owner of Breathing Space Yoga & Mindfulness Studio; Johanna Hammer, a yoga teacher volunteering at the Sheriff’s Department, Sara Costa and Andrew Teasley, both from the Sheriff’s Department.

reacting, or to reflect on the present moment, and these programs bridge the gap there. Based on our pre-and-post-testing of offenders and Section 35 clients, we’ve seen very positive results from our mindfulness-based programming, and we’re appreciative of this partnership and the expansion of Yoga to our facility in Springfield,” said Sheriff Nick Cocchi.

The Seed to Flower Fund, a donor-advised fund managed by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, is intended to meet the demand for recovery yoga classes. Recovery yoga practice has been shown to relieve stress, chronic pain, anxiety, and depression, and to promote empathy, reduce reactivity, and support emotional stability.

Carol Peck

WARE – Carol A. Peck, 67, passed away surrounded by her family on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020. She leaves her two loving daughters Tracy (husband Darrin) and Carolyn (husband Dan); her cousin Tony, her Aunt Connie, grandchildren Felicia, Kyle, Jasmine, Allen, Sean and Eric, her great-granddaughter Traelyn, and her best friend Phyllis. She also reunites with her late husband, Bruce, and brother, Buster. She was born on Feb. 21, 1952, daughter of the late Edward Bradway and Rita Bradway (Barbeau).

Carol was a loving, selfless and hard-working mother, nana and friend to all. Carol enjoyed staying busy, and spent her life working to support her two daughters; but she always found time for her girls. She was also very well-known for her selflessness; and would give the last dime in her pocket if it meant helping someone in need. From a young age Carol found herself working between many jobs. Until 1979, when she fell in love with her late husband Bruce at Forbes Wrights in Monson, where they both worked at the time. Little did she know, this was the man she would spend the next 41 years with.

Carol had changed careers many times for her family’s well-being, but settled down near the end of her career at the Palmer Healthcare Center. There,



Death notices

Peck, Carol A.
Died February 6, 2020
Charbonneau Funeral Home
Ware

she was admired for her work ethic and thoughtful nature with the patients. She loved her job and would talk about all of the patients she grew close with. However, she was never too busy to call her family on her lunch break to check in and send her love. Carol finally retired in 2017 to take care of her late husband when he was diagnosed with dementia, and she cared for him until his passing at home.

Carol had many words of wisdom, but was known most for saying “have what you can have in life, because it’s just too short and you can’t take it with you.” Carol’s family would like her to be remembered as Nana, the name given to her by her grandchildren. They would also like to remember her favorite pastimes such as going for car rides to get away with family, sitting down and scratching lottery tickets with her daughters and grandchildren, and always arriving to a family gathering with the biggest hugs and the largest smile for all to see.

Nana, we all love you and will never forget what you have meant to our family.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at charbonneauhf.com

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All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 tri-parish@verizon.net.

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor’s office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debasheps@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

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Todd M. Allard
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 9 Laurel Drive, given by Todd M. Allard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC DBA Mortgage Master, dated October 27, 2016, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12449, Page 252, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on February 10, 2020.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

2/27/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 59-63 Pulaski Street, Ware, Massachusetts

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Zbigniew Borkowski and Hanna Borkowski** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for First National Bank of Arizona and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-25XS, said mortgage dated May 30, 2003, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 7230, Page 169, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 17, 2010, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 10306 at Page 343, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 22, 2017, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 12631 at Page 113, as affected by Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated January 26, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 12890 at Page 286, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **March 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Water Street (now Pulaski Street)

in said Ware, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Lot formerly of William and Mary Kelley, on the northerly side of Water Street (now Pulaski Street);

thence easterly on Water Street (now Pulaski Street) about sixty-one and one-half

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thence northerly on land formerly of said Shea about one hundred twenty-two

(122) feet to land of Town of Ware, known as the Town Hall Lot;

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Subject to an easement to the Town of Ware recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1507, Page 102.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 30, 2003, and recorded in Book 7230 at Page 167 with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Marc Lavallee** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated April 11, 2017 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12593, Page 279 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 6, 2018,

and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13140, Page 116 of which mortgage Quicken Loans Inc is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. to Quicken Loans Inc. dated August 7, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13063, Page 1, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 21 School Street, Ware, MA 01082 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on March 19, 2020**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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thence southerly along the line of land of said Ware High School one hundred twenty (120) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

thence westerly forty-nine (49) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

thence northerly along line of land formerly of said Tyler eighty-seven and two tenths (87.2) feet to the place of beginning.

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The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

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Lowell, MA 01851
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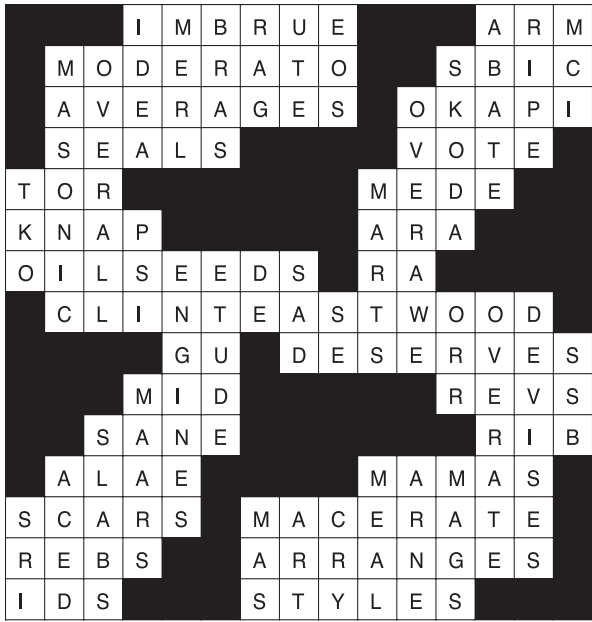
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Gov. Baker to help celebrate grand opening of HCC Campus Center

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will welcome Gov. Charlie Baker and other state and local officials on Friday, Feb. 28, for the grand opening celebration of its Campus Center, following a two-year, \$43.5 million, top-to-bottom renovation and expansion.

The event begins at 2 p.m. for tours, remarks, ribbon-cutting, food and a variety of student-led activities on all three floors of the 66,000-square-foot facility.

Other expected guests include Patricia Marshall, deputy commissioner for Academic Affairs and Student Success at the Department of Higher Education; Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse; state Sen. Jo Comerford, of Northampton; State Rep. Aaron Vega, of Holyoke; State Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa, of Northampton; State Rep. Daniel Carey, of Easthampton; State Rep. Brian Ashe, of Longmeadow; and State Rep. Angelo Puppola, of Springfield.

A short speaking program in the second floor dining area will begin at 2:30 p.m. with remarks from Baker; state Secretary of Education Jim Peyser; HCC President Christina Royal; and Maiv Lee-Ruiz, a nursing student and New Student Orientation leader from Holyoke.

Before and after the speeches, guests will be invited to sample food prepared by HCC Dining Services/Aramark; listen to live music from an HCC student quartet; play dominoes with students in El Centro (home to HCC's Multicultural Academic Services program); watch eSports students in action on a virtual playing field; buy HCC gear in the College Store; and visit HCC's Student Engagement area to talk to students representing clubs and other campus activities.

The Campus Center first opened in 1978, and had been plagued by insidious leaks and water damage for decades before it was closed for

reconstruction in 2017. The lower floors of the building were essentially gutted down to its concrete foundation and supports before being rebuilt. It reopened for the start of the fall 2019 semester while construction crews continued the finish work.

Key parts of the project included adding about 9,000 square feet to the 57,000-square-foot building, enclosing an external walkway on the second floor to expand the dining area, squaring off the sloping

façade and encapsulating the entire building to make it water tight, adding an atrium entrance off the HCC Courtyard on the west side and a bridge over Tannery Brook that leads from a dedicated visitors parking lot to a first-floor welcome center, where visitors and students will find easier access to HCC's offices of Admissions, Advising, Careers, Transfer and Testing.

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